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### CROP Walk 2000 - 50 Years Of Caring...



REVEREND ROBERT DONALDSON, pastor of Feeding Hills Congregational Church, served as coordinator of the Agawam CROP Walk sponsored by the churches in the community. He and his wife, Debra, are seen with one of the "four-legged" supporters of CROP Walk 2000. The walk began at St. David's Church on Springfield Street and wove its way through the streets of Agawam and Feeding Hills. CROP walkers helping to fight world hunger (in right photo) are Christie Amsden, Marcil Boucher, Shauna Dandy, Liz Atkins, and Emily Partyka. RELATED PHOTOS IN CHURCH SECTION. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

*In Feeding Hills Center...*

### Ribbon-Cutting Opens United Co-Op



UNITED COOPERATIVE BANK IN FEEDING HILLS CENTER held ribbon-cutting ceremonies on October 19th to officially open the bank's 10th branch, which is staffed by two Personal Bankers and three tellers. The bank also houses a two-lane drive-up, night depository, safe-deposit boxes, and an ATM. Seen at the ribbon-cutting are (from left) State Representative Daniel Keenan, United Cooperative Bank Senior Vice President Keith Harvey, United Cooperative Bank President Ray Labbe, Personal Banking Officer Gina Fusick, and Agawam Mayor Richard A. Cohen. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

*Pioneer Valley Chapter...*

### MADD Presents Award To Jack Dougherty of AHS

by Hope E. Murray  
Municipal Writer

Even though Jack Dougherty's name is on the award recently given to him by Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Pioneer Valley Chapter, the Agawam High School (AHS) Substance Abuse counselor said the recognition belongs to the entire school system.

"It's the staff, the Agawam Police Department and all the other contributing agencies that make the program really work," he said. "That's why we continue to be at the forefront of other school systems."

The Substance Abuse Prevention Program (SAPP) at AHS was one of the first of its kind, and Agawam continues to be the only town in the state, according to Dougherty, that has two full-time substance abuse counselors.

Although MADD honored Dougherty and the work SAPP does on motor vehicle safety, the program offers more than what most people think of when they think of substance abuse counseling.

"We've developed a number of counseling groups

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JACK DOUGHERTY

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at the Junior High and High School levels," Dougherty said. "One of the ones that have been very beneficial is the family resource group.

"That group works with students whose lives are affected by someone else's drinking or drugging and meets on a weekly basis," he noted.

Another successful program is the open discussion group for students who are actively using drugs and alcohol.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 9, 2000 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Josephson for work to be performed at 60 Pheasant Run Circle, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission

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"A lot of those students are curious about what their issues are - 'Am I an alcoholic because I drink on the weekends?', 'Am I at risk of becoming problematic?'," Dougherty said.

SAPP began six years ago and has grown tremendously, with new programs added every year. Last year a women's issues group was created and continued this year by student request.

"We find that some of the issues they talk about deal with relationships," said Dougherty. "We'd had a problem with kids when the broke up, they didn't know what to do and there were a lot of harassment issues."

Anger management and conflict resolution groups have also contributed to fewer incidents at school, according to him.

"The kids in the anger management group don't know how to vent when they're frustrated. We help identify the triggers and have them work on those issues."

Dougherty and his staff constantly go to classes and talk to students about what they want to have for groups and try to accommodate them. SAPP even uses students to help other students.

"The conflict resolution program uses trained peer mediators," Dougherty said. "And we haven't had any physical confrontations in quite some time. It's really been a great program and a lot of teachers have commented that there are a lot less of that type of conflict."

Dougherty stressed that the Agawam Police Department has made the program work.

"We now have community police officers in the building who are available for a number of questions for the kids to use as another way to get information."

Dougherty has had a 20-year career in education, but he had no idea he would end up where he is today. He began his career teaching physical education and health classes and coaching school teams.

"I found that more and more kids, instead of doing positive activities, were out drinking on the weekends," Dougherty said.

Instead of just wishing there was someone to guide them to better hobbies, Dougherty decided to do it himself.

He went back to school and took a few classes, discovering that he wanted to learn more so he could help more.

"Kids needed something else to fall back on," he said. "That was something I took on."

Dougherty was hired on a temporary basis at first, with a grant paying his salary. He and other faculty and administrators pushed for a full-time program.

"It really says a lot for the Town of Agawam," he said. "They had the gumption to be the first kids on the block to try this - and it works."

Dougherty said he was "overwhelmed" by the award and accepted it for everyone who helps to continually make SAPP a success.

"I'm just a guy who wants to give these kids an option," he said.

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- \* \$4.9 Million to Agawam, Chicopee, Springfield, and West Springfield for locally approved road projects.
- \* Additional \$3.5 Million for Meadow Street reconstruction on Route 116 in Chicopee.
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- \* Scheduled 2001 opening of the state's first Veteran Cemetery in Agawam.

# Vote Linda Melconian November 7th!

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## Guest Editorial...

# Question 8 Is Detrimental To Law Enforcement's War On Drugs

by William M. Bennett  
Hampden County District Attorney

When you go to the polls on November 7th, one of the most important votes you will cast is on Question 8. I urge you to vote **NO**. Here's why - Question 8 will enable many people who knowingly and intentionally sell dangerous drugs, such as heroin and cocaine, to avoid all prosecution.

Under current law, drug-dependent users can obtain treatment instead of prosecution. But, if Question 8 passes, a person guilty of knowingly and intentionally selling up to 14 grams (more than 500 bags) of heroin and up to 28 grams of cocaine can have the charges dropped and avoid all prosecution if he is merely "at risk" of "becoming" drug dependent and requests treatment. Dealers diverted into treatment, even if they are not drug dependent, will not be convicted, jailed, or even placed on probation. Even persons who have already been convicted of selling

dangerous drugs may avoid prosecution.

Such a policy would be a bad mistake for Massachusetts and a threat to public safety.

The *Boston Globe* has urged voters to vote **NO** and called Question 8 "a misguided effort." The *Boston Herald* urged a **NO** vote and said Question 8 "would take the state a long way down the road to backdoor legalization of every kind of dangerous drug."

Elected officials, such as Attorney General Reilly, House Speaker Tom Finneran, Senate President Tom Birmingham, and Governor Cellucci have put their partisan differences aside to speak with one voice to urge a "**NO**" vote on Question 8.

In Hampden County, Sheriff Michael Ashe, Congressman Richard Neal, Mayors Michael Albano, Richard Sullivan, Richard Kos, Michael Sullivan,

Richard Cohen, Edward Gibson; State Senators Linda Melconian, Brian Lees, Michael Knapik, and State Representatives Gale Candaras, Paul Caron, Walter DeFilippi, Cele Hahn, Daniel Keenan, Patrick Landers, Tom Petrolati, Cheryl Rivera, and Mary Rogeness have all urged a **NO** vote.

I favor a balanced approach to the complex problem of drugs. Education, prevention, and treatment for users, as well as accountability, deterrence, and prosecution of dealers. People who knowingly and intentionally sell dangerous drugs should be held accountable for the destruction they cause to individuals, families, and communities.

I urge you to vote **NO** on Question 8 to allow us to continue the battle against drug dealers, repeat drug dealers, and cocaine traffickers.



## Letters To The Editor

### Where Does All The "Development" End?

To The Editor:  
To Mayor Cohen:

In response to your survey requesting input from town businesses in an effort to advance economic development in Agawam, I have to ask, where does it all end? How much "development" do we need? After all, isn't it a little late to encourage small business development?

Thanks to the short-sightedness of the previous administration, we have a monstrous power plant and one of the largest amusement parks in the country to add to our tax base. What good has it done? Our tax rate has gone up again and Agawam has certainly not become a better place to live.

The power plant presents safety and pollution concerns and is a visual detriment to the landscape. Six Flags has turned Main Street into an avenue more reflective of New York City than that of a small town.

If Agawam "is a community that has grown and thrived because of its small business" as you claim, then why has the town sold out to big business? Agawam has a Super Stop & Shop, a Super FoodMart in the works, a Walgreens, two CVS drug stores, McDonald's, and a Dunkin' Donuts with another on the way. All represent national or international companies. Furthermore, the construction of Walgreens and Dunkin' Donuts necessitated the demolition of historic buildings. When will Agawam officials understand that

small businesses cannot compete with large conglomerates?

Currently, we have a situation on Maint Street that, while it doesn't involve a national company, is illustrative of how town officials have promoted development that is counterproductive to small business. In this instance, F.L. Roberts has received permission to expand a small gas station and add a large convenience store in a proposed Historic District, even though there is a small market next door and two small convenience stores within walking distance of the station.

Does the town really believe that the three current businesses will survive? In the worse, but most probable, scenario, the three small stores will close and the new one, able to tap into the resources of a large local chain, will survive, furthering the demise of Agawam's small-town character.

I have always found it odd that Agawam leaders are constantly promoting business development in an effort to increase an ever-expanding tax base, especially since the town's zoning is clearly outdated.

If commercial development is to be promoted, then at least plan for it. Don't blindly encourage development without considering the consequences. We are suffering the results of poor foresight with Six Flags now.

If Agawam really wants to promote small business, then it should look to Amherst and Longmeadow as examples. Both communities have small business districts that flourish because big business is discouraged and growth is carefully controlled. It is also interesting that both Longmeadow and Amherst are considered prime residential communities with property values that reflect this desirability.

Should tell you something.

David DeVivo  
Agawam

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS 01001

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138 that Agawam Liquor License Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at 7:00 pm in the Faolin Peirce Room of the Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. Hearing will speak to the issue of opening of package stores beginning the Sunday before Thanksgiving and each Sunday thereafter until New Year's Day.

The Agawam Liquor Licensing Commission  
John J. Chriscola, Jr., Chairman  
Richard DiLullo  
Robert Vanderhoof

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, located at 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, November 9, 2000 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of eco/Springfield, LLC, which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-55, Paragraph 12 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for alterations to the Pioneer Valley Resource Recovery Facility in order to improve traffic flow within the site, aesthetics and odor control at the premises identified as: 188 M STREET EXT.

Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairman  
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#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 16, 2000 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Robert Bolduc, Pride Convenience, Inc. for a Repetition to the Agawam Board of Appeals.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board  
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FireWise...

## It Only Takes A Minute

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Fire is hot, deadly, and fast. It only takes a minute for a fire burning in a house to grow to three times its original size. In four minutes, it grows to 11 times its size, and in six minutes, it reaches 50 times its original size. The average temperature within eight minutes can reach 1,250 degrees!

Your actions during the early stages of a fire can dramatically affect the amount of damage that is done:

1. Alert everyone in the area that there is a fire and to start evacuation.
2. As you leave the area where the fire is located, close the door to confine the fire.
3. Call the fire department (911) from a neighbor's. Remember, a fire grows quickly and you could become trapped.
4. Once everyone is out of the building, make sure they stay out.

You should not try to fight the fire until the first three steps have been completed. Also, if you cannot get within three to five feet of the fire, if it is more than five feet in height, or if it has spread beyond the point of origin, you should leave the area, closing the door behind you.

For information on the use of portable fire extinguishers, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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## And The Winner Is....



**GINA FUSICK, PERSONAL BANKING OFFICER at United Cooperative Bank in Feeding Hills Center, holds the basket of entries for a "Bright Nights" Tour contest at the ribbon-cutting ceremonies held October 19th to mark the official opening of the Bank. Assisting in the drawing of the lucky winner of four tickets on Peter Pan's double-decker bus are State Representative Daniel Keenan (left) and Agawam Mayor Richard A. Cohen. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.**

### PUBLIC HEARING

### TOWN OF AGAWAM - TOWN COUNCIL

### PUBLIC HEARING

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 20, 2000, at 7:30 P.M., at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed Amendment to Article VII Agricultural Districts of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, by adding

Section 180-37 F which would allow parking and parking lots in the Agricultural District. A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA, Monday through Friday.

BY ORDER OF:  
Ursula Retzler, Clerk  
Agawam Town Council

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# Town Of Agawam Awarded State Fire Safety Grant

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced recently that the Town of Agawam will receive a \$4,745 grant from the SAFE program to promote fire safety.

"The lessons we learn as children, like stop, drop and roll and crawl low under smoke, save countless lives," said Melconian. "These grants assure that every child is exposed to that basic fire safety education."

The SAFE program, the acronym stands for Student Awareness of Fire Education, is a \$588,000 state grant program that brings firefighters into K-12 classrooms to teach fire safety. Firefighters will teach students how to prevent fires from starting, techniques to escape a burning building, and what a student should do if they catch fire. Officers also explain how to use the 911 system to report an emergency and stress the importance of maintaining working smoke detectors.

Firefighters place special emphasis on the fire hazards posed by tobacco. The careless use and disposal of smoking materials, such as cigarettes and cigars, is the single leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts and across the nation. Over the last four years, more than 100 children who have participated in the SAFE program have saved themselves or a loved one from a fire hazard.

"In addition to saving lives, this program also reduces children's anxiety about fire and teaches them that they have the power to act to save themselves," said Melconian. "I'm proud of programs like SAFE that, with just a small amount of money, are able to make an enormous difference in people's lives."

# Forastieres To Make Presentation On WWII Memorial

On Wednesday, November 1st, during the meeting of the Agawam Golden Agers Chapter II, Mathew, Loren, and Peter Forastiere of Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home gave a presentation on the proposed WWII Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C.

The Forastieres showed a short video and explained about the Memorial Balloon Release Ceremony to honor all who served and supported the war effort.

The ceremony will be in conjunction with our town's veterans' ceremony, November 11th at Veterans' Field (next to Phelps School).

**PUBLIC HEARING**                      **PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TOWN OF AGAWAM**  
**AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL**

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Frank DeCaro for a proposed zone change. The proposal is to rezone a portion of land on Springfield Street approximately 350 feet West of Northwood Street from Agriculture to Business A.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

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# Special Rates On Compost Bins Offered By Agawam DPW

Due to tremendous interest in composting fall leaves, Agawam DPW has sold out their large, 24-cubic ft. compost bins.

"They have been going like hotcakes. We have sold over 40 bins in under two weeks," stated Jack Stone, Agawam's Department of Public Works Superintendent. The last large compost bin was sold Tuesday.

To accommodate residents that missed out on the larger size, the Town is having a sale on the remain-

ing small composting bins. Agawam residents can now purchase two small compost bins for only \$21, the price of a large compost bin. The cost of one small compost bin is normally \$15.

Compost bins can be purchased in the DPW Office, located in the Agawam Town Hall at 36 Main Street, during normal business hours. Questions about composting can be directed to Jayne Smith, Agawam's Recycling Coordinator, by calling 786-0400, ext. 286, or by stopping by the DPW office.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

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To either of the Constables of the Town of Agawam

GREETING:

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- Precinct 1 - Robinson School, 65 Begley Street
- Precinct 2 - Clifford M. Granger, South Westfield Street
- Precinct 3 - Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street
- Precinct 4 - Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street
- Precinct 5 - Benjamin J. Phelps School, School Street
- Precinct 6 - James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street
- Precinct 7 - Agawam Junior High School, Springfield Street

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- #2 - Voting by Incarcerated Felons
- #3 - Dog Racing
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- #7 - Tax Deduction for Charitable Contributions
- #8 - Drug-Dependency Treatment and Drug-Crime Fines and Forfeitures

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Richard M. Theroux  
Town Clerk



## State Representative Daniel Keenan Seeks Re-Election

State Representative Daniel Keenan is asking for your vote on Election Day, November 7th. Dan wants to continue the positive momentum for residents of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, Tolland, Blandford, and Russell as he's campaigning for election as your State Representative.

During his short time in office, Keenan has supported local residents on issues like education, health care, the economy, and local aid. "I'm looking forward to continuing my work on behalf of those I represent. We've come a long way, but there's much more work to be done," said Keenan.

Keenan is proud to be a part of the success achieved by the Massachusetts Legislature which worked hard to improve the fiscal health of the state for its citizens. Many of Keenan's constituents can see first-hand the benefits of his work in the House of Representatives. As a member of the House Ways and Means, Education, Insurance, and Taxation Committees, Keenan has played a key role on issues relating to education, health care, the economy, and local aid.

On the education front, Keenan has been a strong supporter of high standards and continued financial support for our children's education. Over the past seven years, Massachusetts has implemented the first-ever statewide curriculum frameworks and doubled the amount of money spent on K-12 education. "I know that money is not the only factor in our continu-

ing efforts to improve education, but it is a very necessary component of our plan to make our K-12 and Higher Education systems the best in the world," says Keenan.

Health care is another area in which Representative Keenan has done much work. Massachusetts has some of the best hospitals and doctors in the world, but Keenan's regular contact with residents of his district showed him the need for improvement in certain areas. The passage of the Patients Bill of Rights and Mental Health Parity Bill affirm the importance of the doctor/patient relationship and help to ensure that patients and doctors make health care decisions, not HMO's. Another area where Massachusetts has made tremendous progress is prescription drug coverage for our senior citizens. With the creation of the HOPE PLAN, a voluntary and affordable prescription drug insurance program, we have provided the opportunity for coverage for all of the Commonwealth's senior citizens.

As a member of the Taxation Committee, Keenan has worked to pass many tax cuts aimed at improving the economy and returning money to working families. In the past decade, 45 tax cuts were passed into law which will return more than \$3 billion to the Massachusetts economy. "The majority of those tax cuts help working families keep more money in their wallets where it belongs," says Keenan.

Keenan is also proud to be part of a legislature that

has kept its promise to return state money to cities and towns. Lottery Aid, once used to help balance the state's books, is now being fully returned to cities and towns. The Legislature has also kept its promise to fully fund "payments in lieu of taxes" for state-owned land, and to reimburse communities for 100 percent of transportation costs for regional school districts. Keenan was also instrumental in saving the residents of Hampden County \$22 million by his work in the abolishment of Hampden County government. The Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Hampden Regional Retirement Board recognized Keenan as their Legislator of the Year due to his work on this issue.

Keenan has also demonstrated the importance of remembering our veterans. He drafted legislation to eliminate the tax on veterans' pensions and to establish the first state operated veterans' cemetery in Massachusetts, which will open in Agawam next spring. Keenan was honored for his efforts by the Hampden County American Legion, which named him Legislator of the Year for 1999.

State Representative Daniel Keenan wants to continue the important work of representing our local communities in the House of Representatives. That's why he is asking for your vote on Tuesday, November 7th. Dan is proud to represent the residents of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, Tolland, Blandford, and Russell and will continue to try to make you proud of the representation he provides.

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## - Agawam Obituaries -



**ELEANOR TOUSSAINT**

Eleanor (Clark) Toussaint, 87, of 26 Elm Street, Agawam, died on Monday, October 30th, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She was a buyer at the former Johnson's Book Store on Main Street, Springfield.

Born in the Forrest Hills section of Boston, she lived in Agawam for most of her life.

She was a 1931 graduate of Central High School in Springfield and received a bachelor of music degree from the Oberlin (Ohio) Conservatory of Music in 1935.

She was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church and its Ladies Aid Society. She was the church organist and choir director for 50-years, and retired in 1993 with the title of organist-emeritus.

She was a former Girl Scout leader, a member of the Agawam Women's Club and Golden Age Club Chapter 2, and a past dean of the Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Her husband, Andrew G. Toussaint, died in 1974.

She leaves a son, Barry C. of East Granby, CT; a daughter, Nancy E. Toussaint of Agawam; a brother, Roe S. Clark of Blandford; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday morning, November 4th, at 11:00 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, with burial at the convenience of the family. There were no calling hours, and Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the church music fund at 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

**DOROTHY E. BACKLUND-JOHNSON**

Dorothy E. (Greene) Backlund-Johnson, 89, of Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She worked at the Springfield Armory and at R.E. Phelon Co. of East Longmeadow for many years. She retired in 1975.

Born in Springfield, she lived in that city for most of her life before moving to Agawam in 1986.

She was a member of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield.

Her first husband, John Backlund, died in 1959, and her second husband, Carl G. Johnson, in 1979.

She leaves two sons, John W. Backlund of

Springfield and Kenneth H. Backlund of Rockland; a brother, Howard Greene of Easthampton; two sisters, Rose Dean of Agawam and Henrietta Stenberg of Springfield; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 455 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA 01118.

**ELIZABETH I. BOPP**

Elizabeth I. (Healey) Bopp, 72, of 118 Main Street, Agawam, died recently at local nursing home.

She was a 30-year clerk at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Springfield and retired in 1990.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Ludlow before moving to Agawam in 1998.

She was a 1946 graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield and a member of the Daughters of Isabella.

She leaves her husband of 52 years, Robert E. Bopp, Jr.; a son, Robert E. III of Middletown, CT; a daughter, Jacqueline A. Fugiel of Holyoke; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

There were no calling hours, and Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

**ALBERT E. GATES, JR.**

Albert E. Gates, Jr., 75, of 53 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, died recently at Holyoke Hospital.

He was the 20-year owner of the former G&M Security in Holyoke. He was previously a real estate broker.

Born in Springfield, he was a 1943 graduate of Commerce High School and attended Springfield Junior College.

He moved to Agawam 30 years ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and received a Victory Medal.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks Lodge 61 in Springfield.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves a sister, Helen M. McGrady of Feeding Hills; a long-time companion, Kathleen "Mickey" Monahan of Holyoke; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Church, 23 Sycamore Street, Holyoke MA 01040-3291.

**EMIL A. HABER**

Emil Andrew Haber, 84, of Agawam, died recently at a Springfield nursing home.

He was born in Enfield, CT.

He leaves his wife, the former Anna Banas.

A graveside service was held at the Springfield Street Cemetery in Agawam.

Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**DONNA M. HARLOW**

Donna M. (Besko) Harlow, 39, of 25 Deering Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in

Springfield after being injured in a car accident.

Police said she was involved in a two-car, head-on crash on Main Street, Agawam.

She was a clerk for the town's Water Department and formerly worked at Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corp. in Windsor Locks, CT.

Born in Springfield, she was a 1979 graduate of West Springfield High School.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a Pioneer Valley soccer coach, and a Bay State hockey representative.

She leaves a son, Ryan M. Harlow of Agawam; her parents, Ted & Dottie Besko of Suffield, CT; a sister, Debbie B. Reilly of Feeding Hills; her companion, David Lynch of Agawam; and her former husband, Jeff Ryan of West Springfield.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Donna M. Harlow Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Westbank, 1340 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Ronald McDonald House, 34 Chapin Street, Springfield, MA 01107, or to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western Massachusetts, 1 Armory Square, Springfield, MA 01105.

**WILLIAM G. ORCUTT**

William Gery Orcutt, 53, of 20 Alvin Street, Springfield, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He owned Dayga Printing Co. of Feeding Hills.

Born in Springfield, he was a lifelong resident of that city and a member of the Springfield Kennel Club, the Allen Bird Club of Longmeadow, the Sherwood Lodge of Masons, and the Hadji Unit of the Melha Shriners.

He leaves his wife, Janet (Szczebak) Orcutt; a son, David Szczebak of Waltham; and a sister, Marian Varteresiar of Longmeadow.

The funeral was held at Nowak Fuenral Home in the Indian Orchard section, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

**DOROTHY M. OUELLETTE**

Dorothy M. (Johnson) Ouellette, 90, of 140 Frontenac Street, Chicopee, died recently at a local nursing home.

For many years, she was a clerk for the former Forbes & Wallace and Steiger's department stores.

Born in Waterbury, Vermont, she grew up and attended schools in Barre, Vermont.

She lived in Springfield and Feeding Hills before moving to Chicopee.

Her husband, Francis Ouellette, died in July; her second husband, Stanley Cezarek, died in 1981; and her first husband, Walter Lundgren, died in 1958.

She leaves three daughters; a brother, Albert Johnson of Barre; and a sister, Christine Catto, also of Barre.

A graveside service was held at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield, and Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam was in charge of the arrangements.

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Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

**JOSEPH SHERIDAN**

Joseph Sheridan, 89, a long-time resident of Feeding Hills, died recently in a local nursing home.

He was an upholsterer for Highland Upholstery for many years. He also taught upholstery to inmates at the Ludlow Correctional Facility.

Born in Feeding Hills, he attended local schools.

He was a member of the Agawam Senior Center, Chapter 2, and the past Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club of West Springfield.

He was active in the West Springfield/Agawam Elks Club.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the American Theater Medal, and the Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal.

His wife, the former Margaret Foley, died in 1998. He was also predeceased by a son, Joseph H. Jr.

He leaves a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Sheridan of Feeding Hills; three brothers, William, Walter, and Donald, all of West Springfield; a sister, Regina Pierce of Northborough; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church of Feeding Hills, with burial in St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001.

## Informational Mtg. To Provide Overview Of Sex Offender Registry

An informational meeting providing an overview of the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 8th at the Agawam Police Department, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, in the Faolin Peirce Room.

In attendance from the Sex Offender Registry Board will be: Robert Baker, Director of Operations; Stephen DiNatale, Director of Training and Community Services; and Robert DePardo, Terence Hartigan, and Thomas Lauro, Community Liaison Specialists.

If you plan to attend or have any questions, please contact Sgt. Curry at the Agawam Police Department, 786-4767.

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## Parish Cupboard Needs Your Help

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Donations are accepted from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; Sunday evenings in November from 6:00-7:00 p.m., or by calling 734-7969 to make arrangements for delivery to 1023 Main Street in West Springfield.

Thank you.

## Senior Center Has Van Service For Agawam Voters

The Agawam Senior Center will have a van available to take voters to the polls on Election Day (Tuesday, November 7th).

Rides can be arranged from homes or the Center, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Early reservations are encouraged. To arrange for reservations, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

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## Families

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ON A PERFECT OCTOBER WEEKEND AFTERNOON, Matthew and Christine Hester play in the leaves, while their brother, Pat, helps their mom, Jesse Hester, begin one of the rites of fall - raking leaves.  
Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

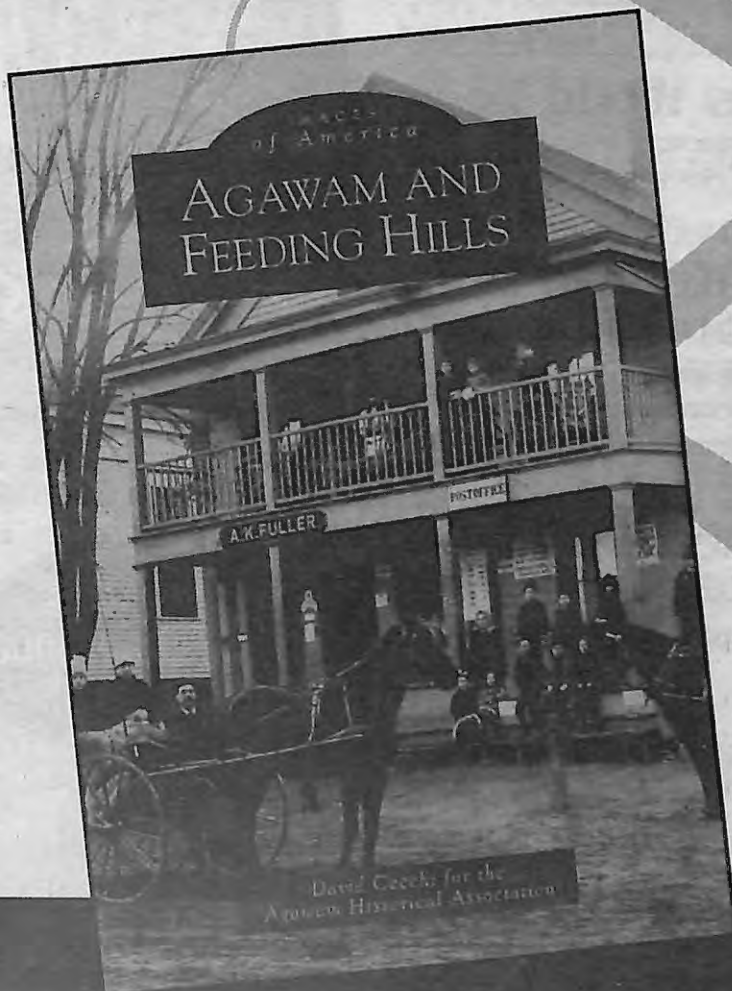
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### David Cecchi Unveils New Book



LOCAL HISTORIAN DAVID CECCHI, a member of the Agawam Historical Association, gives a copy of his book, "Images of America: Agawam and Feeding Hills," to Marilyn Curry, vice-president of the Agawam Historical Association, and to Richard Bellico (right), president. The presentation was held at the association's October 25th meeting at The Captain Charles Leonard House. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

# Have the man who wrote the book sign yours.



Stop by the Capt. Charles Leonard House Thursday, November 9th from 6:00-8:00pm and meet *Agawam & Feeding Hills* author David Cecchi. He'll be on hand to answer questions and sign copies of the new Images of America title which he authored for the Agawam Historical Association. The book retails for \$18.99 and will be available for purchase that night. Royalties from the book will be used by the historical association for renovations at the Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum.

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## Cutting Edge Salon Hosts Fundraiser For McDonald House

On Sunday, October 15th, the Cutting Edge Salon & Day Spa at the Galleria Shops, 360 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, hosted a fundraiser to benefit The Ronald McDonald House of Springfield.

The salon featured haircuts, mini-manicures and nail art, and chair massages, all for \$10 each. They also featured face painting for \$5. All attendees were welcome to free cookies and balloons. The Blimpie Bear was there, meeting and greeting visitors.

All the staff at the salon donated their services for the day. This event raised \$930 to benefit the families staying at The Ronald McDonald House while their child receives medical treatment at area medical facilities.

The Ronald McDonald House is non-profit and must raise their own funds to operate the House. Way to go, Denise, Cutting Edge staff, and friends!

## Jr. Women To Host Speaker From Alternative Health

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its November meeting on Tuesday, November 21st at the Captain Leonard House at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a speaker from Alternative Health of Southwick, who will discuss "Aging Successfully." The Junior Women would like to invite all those interested to attend.

The club's activities enrich the quality of life in our community through a variety of educational, social, and cultural projects and programs. Come to have fun, meet new friends, and get involved. For more information, call Theresa Conklin at 786-6515. The club meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Leonard House.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

## Jr. Women Collecting Phones For Domestic Violence Victims

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be collecting old wireless phones as part of the "Donate a Phone" campaign. The program is designed to collect old wireless phones, then refurbish, reprogram, and distribute them to victims in need. To date, thousands of people across the country have donated their phones. Unfortunately, there are an estimated four million domestic violence victims each year, so more phones are needed.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be collecting the phones during their annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 3rd at the Middle School from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

If you have a phone you're no longer using, please donate it. For more information on the "Donate a Phone" campaign, call 1-888-901-SAFE or visit [www.donateaphone.com](http://www.donateaphone.com).

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**THE CUTTING EDGE SALON AND DAY SPA** in the Galleria Shoppes on North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, recently hosted a benefit for the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. From left - Al Ingham, a volunteer from the Ronald McDonald House, holding Domenic Ingham; "Mr. Bear" (Christian Hansen); Suzanna Herlihy, volunteer coordinator of the Ronald McDonald House; Anthony Ingham; Denise LaPointe, owner of The Cutting Edge; and Carie Sonsini. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



**HAVING A GOOD TIME AT THE RECENT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE** benefit held at The Cutting Edge Salon & Day Spa in Feeding Hills are (from left) Jeff Signet, Taryn Buckley, Amy Buffum, Sarah LaPointe, Shannon Sixt, Linda Gill, and Kristin Gill. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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# Partners Restaurant Puts On Pig Roast For Visiting Italians



MARK TANSEY, OWNER OF PARTNERS RESTAURANT on Springfield Street, sponsored a pig roast at the Italian Sporting Club during "The Six Days of Reggio" for the Agawam Sister City Commission. IN LEFT PHOTO: Tansey and his wife, Susan, were about to serve milk in glass bottles, like the olden days, to be served ice cold with chocolate cake with chocolate frosting. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Partners Restaurant employee Beth Kozial of Agawam serves one of the town's Italian visitors, Domenicka Tescione, as Carmella Marzano, one of the Agawam Sister City's interpreters, looks on. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

## Agawam Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, November 6th:** Pork cutlet & gravy, baked potato, mixed vegetables, rye bread, orange.

**Tuesday, November 7th:** Swiss steak (tomatoes, onions, and potatoes on chopped beefsteak), chick pea salad, rye bread, birthday cake.

**Wednesday, November 8th:** Chicken in puff pastry, butternut squash, ice cream.

**Thursday, November 9th:** Hot dogs on a roll, baked beans, cole slaw, Jell-O with fruit.

**Friday, November 10th:** Veterans' Day observance (Senior Center closed).

(Menu subject to change without notice.)



MR. & MRS. PETER PARROTTA and Italian visitor Paolo Scudo are shown a Halloween pumpkin by Partners Restaurant owner and operator Mark Tansey at a pig roast sponsored by Partners Restaurant held at the Italian Sporting Club for the Agawam Sister City Commission during "The Six Days of Reggio." Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## WGGB NEWS40 Starts Thanksgiving Food Campaign

For the seventh year, WGGB will be helping to put a Thanksgiving meal on the tables of over 500 needy families in the Greater Springfield area.

NEWS40 is supplying the turkeys, rolls, and cider. We are asking for donations of canned vegetables, packages of stuffing, instant potatoes (please, no fresh potatoes), cranberry sauce, and non-perishable desserts. Food donations can be dropped off at the WGGB parking lot at 1300 Liberty Street, Springfield (just across from the Springfield Plaza) during normal business hours.

The campaign began Monday, October 30th and will end on Friday, November 17th. Distribution will be made during Thanksgiving week from lists supplied by the Salvation Army.

## Country Estates To Host Craft Fair Nov. 3rd & 4th

The residents of Country Estates of Agawam, located at 1200 Suffield St. (Rt. 75) in Agawam will be holding their annual Holiday Craft Fair on Friday, November 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Included in this year's Craft Fair will be handcrafted items, baked goods, raffles, and holiday gift items. The public is welcome.

## A Word From Dayga Printing

### DAYGA PRINTING

is closed due to the death of its owner, Wm. Gerry Orcutt. His family wishes to thank his customers for their patronage throughout the years, as well as their sympathy and support during our time of bereavement.



# Homeless Cat Project Helps Felines

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

The mission of the Homeless Cat Project (HCP), a local all-volunteer organization, is to reduce the number of stray, feral, and abandoned cats through the establishment of managed colonies of neutered and spayed felines. While spring may be the time when most litters of kittens are born, it is still important to spay and neuter cats now.

There are untold numbers of homeless cats, too often victims of starvation, exposure to weather extremes, accidents, disease, and cruelty by humans. The Homeless Cat Project can be notified of groups, or colonies, of cats. They will then assess each site and ensure that a human caretaker will continue to feed the cats daily, provide shelter, and monitor the animals for injuries or suspected illnesses.

Members of the HCP's Cat Rescue Team humanely trap each cat, have the cat inoculated and spayed or neutered by a cooperating veterinarian, and allow the cat to recuperate. The animal is kept in a carrier cage and fed. Males are faster to recover, so females are kept a few days longer. When well, these cats are then re-released into their own familiar territory.

Since the colonies slowly cease reproduction, they can stabilize and diminish over time. Since the fall of 1998, HCP has released over 300 adult cats at close to 30 sites. Their services allow the cats to live the rest of their lives in relative comfort, with the risk of rabies excluded.

Homeless Cat Project Coordinator Debbie LaBruzzo told us, "Our veterinarians work for greatly reduced fees for all services, but the project requires constant funding sources. At present, we are completely out of money and would welcome tax-deductible donations from the public."

These donations can be sent to The Homeless Cat Project, P.O. Box 2582, Amherst, MA 01004, or call 783-4996.

In most towns, dogs are held if found by an animal control officer. It is different for cats. Although the Rowley Memorial Animal Shelter at 171 Union Street, Springfield, performs virtual miracles at finding homes for cats and other animals, many of the animals are not adopted.

Cats who have homes can still contribute to the feline overpopulation problem, particularly if the cat goes out. Concerned Citizens for Animals offers a low-cost spay/neuter program to people with a financial need.

For more information, call 413-565-5383.

If you find a homeless animal and can afford it, veterinary care at the earliest opportunity would be a good thing. There is a chance the wayfarer has been injured somewhere along the way. Most animal lovers, even those who cannot adopt because of rental rules or other restrictions, really do want to help the homeless cat population.

As the presence of free-roaming cats is a source of concern to many residents and public officials, the Homeless Cat Project provides a vital community service. Agawam has benefitted from HCP's efforts. Eleven cats at three different sites in Agawam have been spayed or neutered, thereby preventing the births of literally millions of unwanted kittens.

Another site is being addressed by HCP volunteers and three more requests from Agawam residents are pending.



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## Marge & Bill Luciani Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Marge & Bill Luciani celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family dinner recently given for them at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in West Springfield.

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# Nellie Mathias & Harold Davis Win "Gallano Award"



THE PRESTIGIOUS "ANDREW C. GALLANO AWARD," presented each year to individuals for outstanding service to the Agawam Senior Center, went to Nellie Mathias (left photo, right), presented by Lillian Doyle, and to Harold Davis (right photo, left), presented by Richard Mundo, executive director of the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

## Feeding Hills Grange To Host Holiday Bazaar

Community Grange #382 of Feeding Hills will hold their annual bazaar on Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West Street.

Holiday items, baked goods, and grandma's attic will be available. A raffle for a handmade afghan, made by Grange member Priscilla Magagnoli, and other prizes will be available.

Our classified ads cost just \$10 per week for 30 words or less; however, we DO NOT take them over the telephone. Please bring them to our office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills Center (above Remillard Insurance Agency), or mail them (along with payment) to P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

If you visit the Advertiser News' new office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills (above Remillard Insurance), please note that our main entrance is in the back. Please park on the side of the building and use the back entrance. Thank you...

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## Agawam UNICO To Hold 18th Annual Memorial Mass

On November 5th, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will hold its 18th Annual Memorial Mass for its departed members. The Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Agawam. The Rev. William C. Rousseau, Administrator of both St. Anthony and St. Theresa Churches will be the celebrant.

The St. Anthony Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Joanne Beltrandi, will provide the music for the Mass.

Family members and friends of departed UNICO members are invited to attend the Mass and the lun-

cheon that will be held after the Mass in the St. Anthony of Padua Church hall. Forty-seven departed members will be remembered during the Mass.

If anyone has any questions regarding the Memorial Mass, they may contact Lou Scherpa at 786-0203 or Dick DiLullo at 786-0699.

UNICO National is an Italian-American service organization. It was founded in 1922 and the Agawam chapter was chartered in 1962. The club holds several fundraisers throughout the year to support its many charitable causes.



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### Donating Human Hair

**Question:** I read in *The Agawam Advertiser* that an area salon cut someone's hair to donate to an organization for cancer. Do you do that?

**Answer:** We sure do! I lost my 15 year-old niece, Amy, to cancer just one year ago and I have learned so much from her ordeal. Her strength and courage were such an inspiration to me. My sister-in-law is a hairstylist along with myself and my daughter and we wanted to get a wig for her when she lost her hair. Amy felt she should save that "one" for someone who needed their self-esteem lifted. She told us that a new hat would be just fine! So many things affect cancer patients and so many special people want to help, even the cancer patients themselves! We have a few clients that grow their hair just to donate to these organizations. Life is a gift and our fortunes should be shared with those who are less fortunate. We would like to help by cutting your length of hair and sending it to one of these non-profit organizations, at no charge, so that we may give one more child a smile.

A non-profit group, **Locks of Love** provides hairpieces to children with hair loss and offers a sliding scale to help families in financial need. They say they need hair from men and women, both young and old, from all races. Colored or permed hair is acceptable, but not chemically damaged hair. Hair that is swept off the floor cannot be used, but hair that has been cut years ago is okay if it has been stored in a ponytail. About 80 percent of the donated hair comes from children who wish to help other children. A manufacturer makes each wig carefully by hand, which takes about four months. Another non-profit group called **Wigs for Kids** accepts human hair donations and the wigs are free to the recipients.

Donated hair should be at least 10 inches long and can be cut at any salon, placed in a plastic bag, and mailed to the non-profit organization. Braids or ponytails are the easiest to handle, but the hair can also arrive loose.

**Locks of Love** is located at 1640 S. Congress Avenue, Suite 104, Palm Springs, Florida 33461, and can be reached toll free at 1-888-896-1588. **Wigs for Kids** can be reached at 1-440-333-4433 and e-mails can be sent to [info@wigsfor kids.org](mailto:info@wigsfor kids.org).

Doctors report that when cancer is first diagnosed, 20 percent of adults and 80 percent of children showed evidence that the disease had already spread. The field has come a long way and research has given thousands of children cures for this deadly disease. W. Archie Bleyer, MD, Chair of the Children's Cancer Group, a major national research consortium, explains that, "More than 200,000 U.S. children with cancer have survived their disease five to 40 years after their date of diagnosis, and most were treated on at least one of our clinical trials that has cured 75 percent of affected children."

The National Childhood Cancer Foundation provides background on childhood cancer and describes the role of clinical trials. There are 115 medical centers offering advanced care for pediatric cancer.

**Thought for a smile:** hearing "I love you" for no reason ~ **We love you Amy** ~

## Watson Family Announces Birth Of Daughter

Robert W. and Celina B. Watson of Billerica, Mass., are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Faith Barsamian Watson, born August 24, 200 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

Grandparents are Elaine & Robert Watson, Jr. of Agawam, and Marijan & Robert Barsamian of California.

## Pizza Party To Raise Funds For Scleroderma Research

A pizza and beer party will be held on Wednesday, November 15th at the Dante Club on Memorial Ave. in West Springfield to benefit scleroderma research.

This fundraiser is one of many held over the years by Gubby and friends and has raised over \$100,00. Pizza will be served from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and the donation is \$6.99.

For tickets, contact Tom Frasco at 786-0093 or Vic Menard at 786-2834.

## AHS Class of 1990 Plans Reunion

Did you graduate from the Agawam High School Class of 1990? If you did not receive an invitation to the reunion, please call Jennifer at 413-283-9968. Thank you.

## Spfld. Turnverein To Host Friday Night Dinners

The Springfield Turnverein announces new Friday night dinners. On November 3rd and November 17th, the Turnverein will serve dinners off the menu and provide music for listening and dancing by D.J. Bob Crawford. Dinners will be served between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Bob Crawford will provide music from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

The Annual German Night will be held on Saturday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m. Dinner choice of sauerbraten or roast beef will be served from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Leo Murowski Band will provide music for an evening of dancing and listening. Admission is \$12. Please make reservations by November 8th by calling 786-0924.

The Springfield Turnverein is located at 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills.

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## Kathleen Ann Guiel Engaged To Wed Mark L. Brown

Wayne & Mary Guiel of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Ann, to Mark Lawrence Brown, son of Kathleen & Jimmie Craycraft of Turners Falls, and Kathleen & Donald Brown of Gill.

Kathleen is a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School and attended Holyoke Community College. She is employed by Birken Manufacturing Co., Bloomfield, CT, as a materials coordinator.

Mark is a 1993 graduate of Turners Falls High School and a 1997 graduate of Westfield State College. He is employed by Verizon Communications, Hatfield, as a splice service technician.

The wedding is planned for May 19, 2001.

*If you have dropped off any photos to our office for Boy Scout activities, church events, etc., please pick them up after they appear in The AAN...*



JENNIFER HENSEL, a fourth-grader at Granger School, recently got her beautiful blond hair clipped to be used by "Wigs for Kids," an organization that make wigs for children who have lost their hair due to illness.

## Jennifer Hensel Of Agawam Donates Hair To "Wigs For Kids"

Jennifer Hensel, a nine-year-old fourth-grader at Granger School, cut off more than 12 inches of her hair on September 7th to donate to "Wigs for Kids," an association that makes wigs for kids who have cancer or any other disorder that would cause them to need a wig.

*Under The Direction Of Dianne Little...*

## Daughters Of Amer. Revolution To Meet

Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its November meeting in the Guild Rooms of Faith United Church, 52 Sumner Avenue, Springfield on Tuesday, November 7th at 1:00 p.m., preceded by light refreshments at 12:15 p.m.

The meeting will be under the direction of Regent Dianne Little of Agawam. Mr. David Z. Beecher, Headmaster of Hillside School in Marlboro, Mass., will

There were two organizations which were considered - "Locks of Love" and "Wigs for Kids." They both can be found on the Internet. Jennifer wanted to cut her hair, but also wanted it to go to a worthy cause. It takes seven to nine bunches of hair to make one wig.

give an update on Hillside School.

DAR welcomes new members. It is open to any woman over 18 who is descended from a man or woman who aided in achieving American independence. Those persons interested in membership in the Mercy Warren Chapter should contact Registrar Elizabeth Cahill in Wilbraham, 596-3160, or Jodie McGuinness in Westfield, 562-0957. State web site - [www.massdar.com](http://www.massdar.com).

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## Airman Tina Belleville Graduates From Apprentice Course

Air National Guard Senior Airman Tina M. Belleville has graduated from the information management apprentice course at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi.

The student learned administrative support and office management for functional staff elements. The course included instruction on keyboard functions, microcomputer operations, document and computer security; message communications, management of publications, forms, and records; mail handling and electronic forms preparation.

Belleville is the daughter of Sharon A. and Carmen J. Belleville of 57 Cooley St., Agawam.

She is a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School.

## Airman Patrick Blevins Graduates From Basic Training

Air Force Airman Patrick E. Blevins has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Jayhue Blevins of 303 Lebanon Ave., Colchester, Connecticut and Christine Blevins of 63 Belvidere Ave., Feeding Hills.

## Staff Sgt. Morassi On Assignment At Air Base In Kuwait

Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Danielle M. Morassi has deployed to Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait, on a temporary assignment in support of Operation Southern Watch.

The operation is a multinational effort that conducts flying missions to ensure and enforce Iraq's compliance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions enacted after the end of the Persian Gulf War in 1991. The resolutions prohibit Iraqi military flights and ground troop movements (no-fly and no-drive zones) in the southern half of Iraq.

Morassi is an administrative support assistant assigned to the 104th Fighter Wing in Westfield.

She is the daughter of Karen L. Morassi of High St. and John J. Morassi of Cooper St., both of Agawam.

## Pfc. Ryan Gamache Graduates From Unit Training

Army National Guard Pfc. Ryan P. Gamache has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia. The training consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training.

During basic training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness, and first aid. During AIT, the soldier received instruction to serve as an infantryman using light and heavy anti-armor weapons, indirect-fire support, and mechanized operations while assigned to a rifle or mortar squad. The training included weapons qualification, tactics, patrolling, navigation, field communications, and combat operations; engagement in infantry combat exercises, battle drills, land mine locating, neutralizing and extracting, and survival operations during a nuclear, biological, or chemical attack.

Gamache's parents are James A. and Linda C. Gamache of 120 Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills.

He is a 1999 graduate of Agawam High School.

## Randy L. Bubar Advances To Rank Of Chief Petty Officer

Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Petty Officer Randy L. Bubar, son of Randall & June Bubar of Agawam, advanced to Chief Petty Officer on September 18th. Bubar's wife, Kelly, is the daughter of Richard & Judith Limoges of Westfield. They have two sons: five year-old Avery and four month-old Tyler.

The ceremony took place at the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center, Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, VA.

His father, Randall, and his brother, Aviation Machinist Mate 1st Class Petty Officer John C. Bubar (stationed at Mayport Naval Station, Jacksonville, Florida), had the honor of pinning the anchors on his collar. Also attending the ceremony was his grandmother, Mary Pikul of Windsor Locks, CT.

During the next four years, Chief Bubar will an Intelligence Instructor at the IS A-school, Dam Neck Naval Base, Virginia Beach, VA.

### Excerpts From The United States Navy Chief Creed

*During the course of this day, you have been caused to humbly accept challenge and face adversity. This you have accomplished with rare good grace. The goal was to instill in you that trust is inherent with the donning of the uniform of a Chief.*

*In your future as a Chief Petty Officer, you will be forced to endure adversity far beyond that imposed upon you today. You must face each challenge and adversity with the same dignity and good grace you demonstrated today.*

*You have not merely been promoted one pay-grade, you have joined an exclusive fellowship and, as in all fellowships, you have a special responsibility*



RANDY L. BUBAR

*to your comrades, even as they have a special responsibility to you. This is why we in the United States Navy may maintain with pride our feelings of accomplishment once we have attained the position of Chief Petty Officer.*

*Your new responsibilities and privileges do not appear in print. They have no official standing; they cannot be referred to by name, number, or file. They have existed for over 100 years, because Chiefs before you have freely accepted responsibility beyond the call of printed assignment.*

*It is now required that you be the fountain of wisdom, the ambassador of good will, the authority in personal relations as well as in technical applications. "Ask the Chief" is a household phrase in and out of the Navy.*

*Your performance has assured us that you will wear "the hat" with the same pride as your comrades in arms before you. We take a deep and sincere pleasure in clasping your hand and accepting you as a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy.*

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## Church News

### CROP WALK 2000: Another Great Day For Agawam Churches



THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S CROP WALK was "50 Years of Caring," and the walk began and ended at St. David's Church in Feeding Hills. CROP WALK 2000 was sponsored by the Agawam Churches to help fight world hunger. IN TOP PHOTO: Among this year's participants were Town Councilor Robert Rossi, Louis Pupolo, Linda Morassi, and Town Councilor Richard Morassi. IN TOP LEFT PHOTO: Marilyn Curry volunteered her services at the Agawam CROP WALK 2000 to register walkers. IN LOWER LEFT PHOTO: "These guys are everywhere!" Agawam Lions Club members John Negrucci and Jim Loomis made preparations to serve hot dogs and cool drinks to the CROP WALK participants after they finished their fundraising walk through the streets of Feeding Hills and Agawam. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

*"Church News" is just one more reason why you turn our pages each and every week ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!*

### News From Faith Bible Church

OOPS! We are going to be holding our church "Dedication" on December 10th instead of November 19th. Due to some things not moving as quickly as planned, we have changed the date to make sure work is completed. This is such an exciting day for us that we want it to be wonderful. We are holding our new "Addition Dedication" at 2:00 p.m. on December 10th at the church at 370 Shoemaker Lane. We are inviting all to visit and see our new building. Refreshments will follow the dedication.

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On November 19th, we will be holding our annual "Thanksgiving Dinner." It will be begin at 5:00 p.m. and anyone is invited. We ask that a dish be brought to share among friends. We always have a wonderful time and plenty of food.

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November 5th, we will begin our one service again at 10:30 a.m. with adult Sunday school beginning at 9:30 a.m. We are expecting a guest speaker, Mr. Paul Young ("Small Paul"), a chalk Evangelist, to be with us. This is always a very special time and he brings with him wonderful stories and adventures. This day promises to be filled with excitement for anyone who attends.

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A reminder, the Women's Bible Study continues to meet Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and nursery is always provided.

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### Two Ways To Get To Heaven...

One of the more common accusations leveled against Christianity is the claim that it is exclusive. Jesus said, **"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."** In the Book of Romans we read, **I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.** To some, that might sound exclusive. However, Jesus also said, **"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."** The **"whoever"** includes anybody who wants to be included, it doesn't exclude anyone. As well, the Book of Romans applies to **"everyone"** who believes.

Still, some would argue that the limitation of **"whoever believes"** is still too narrow a definition. Isn't there any other way a person can be right with God in this life, and ensured of heaven as his or her final destination? Well, as one great preacher pointed out, there is in fact another way for those who choose not to believe in Jesus. It's really rather simple, as a matter of fact. All one needs to do is be perfectly perfect. Everyday. No days off. Every day of one's life.

Of course, it's not up to you or to me to determine what constitutes perfect behavior. In the Book of Deuteronomy we read, **These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your**

**God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all His decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.**

Psalms 119 says, **Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are they who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart. They do nothing wrong; they walk in His ways. You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.**

Jesus summed up the laws of God this way: **One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one", answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."** There are lots of rules, but they are all based on the two principals Jesus espoused.

The religious leader appreciated Jesus' wisdom. **"Well said, Teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but Him. To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."** When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, He said to

him, **"You are not far from the kingdom of God."**

Not far. Close, but perhaps not quite in. Why not? Because understanding the laws of God was not sufficient. Obeying it is what constitutes sufficient. My explanation to the police officer that I fully comprehend the meaning of the posted speed limit will not spare me a ticket if I fail to obey the law.

Some people have wondered why the Lord gave us so many laws in the first place. One reason may be that God wanted to provide remedies for us when we behave badly. Perhaps another, even better reason, was to convince us by virtue of the overwhelming evidence that we cannot possibly measure up to the perfect, and perfectly holy, God.

Fortunately, if we are not prepared, or if for any other reason whatsoever unable, to live completely, utterly, exhaustively perfect lives, God has generously provided an alternative.

**Now there have been many priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need - one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, He does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when He offered Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak, but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.**

## Agawam Catholic Women's Club Schedules Communion Supper

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its annual Communion Supper on Monday, November 13th at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, 833 Main Street, Agawam following celebration of Mass at

6:00 p.m. in the Church.

Charlene Moretti is chairperson, and the guest speaker for the evening is Sister Francis White.

A family-style dinner of roast beef and roast chick-

en catered by Alcoa will be served.

Serving on the committee are Betty Bury, Terry Claremont, Martha Jerry, Terry Longo, Lorraine Maniscalchi, Estelle Veronesi, and Ginny Zerbato.

### Knowing God Personally

**He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. -Psalm 103:7**

Most Christians would prefer to see God perform mighty miracles rather than to have fellowship with Him and learn His ways.

Today's text says that God made known His mighty acts to the people of Israel, but to Moses He "made known His ways." Exodus 33 records a great crisis in which Moses humbly prayed, "If I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way." He wanted to know God and His plans for His people more than to see another mighty miracle. No wonder the Lord conversed with him "as a man speaks to his friend" (v.11).

Commenting on the difference between ways and acts, F. B. Meyer wrote, "Ways, or plans, are only made known to the inner circle of the saints; the ordinary congregation learns only His acts."

A talented friend of mine, Jennifer, learned this difference after spending several years in a wheelchair. One day she tearfully prayed, "Lord, I could have done so much for You, if only I could have been healthy." God's response was inaudible but clear. "Many people work for Me, but very few are willing to be My friend."

If you desire to know God personally more than you long to see His mighty miracles, you'll be satisfied. -JEY

*Once it was the blessing, now it is the Lord;  
Once it was the feeling, now it is His Word;  
Once His gift I wanted, now the Giver own;  
Once I sought for healing, now Himself alone. -Simpson*

Knowing God is not only seeing His works  
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## Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and this week will include the Service of Holy Communion. Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "A Summons to national Repentance or The Day of the Locusts." The Scripture reading is Joel 1:1, 2:1-3, 11-17.

Members are asked to attend a special meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church called by the Church Council immediately following worship service on Sunday, November 5, 2000.

Members of the Confirmation Class who will be attending worship at the Greek Orthodox Church in Springfield on November 5th are asked to meet at the Feeding Hills Church at 9:15 a.m. On Thursday, November 9th, they will leave for Washington, D.C. to visit the Holocaust Museum. Rev. Donaldson will accompany them, returning on Sunday evening. There will be a guest speaker leading worship on November 12th.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Parish Cupboard on Wednesday, November 8th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

It's not too late to volunteer to help with the Chicken Pie Supper to be held here on Saturday, November 11th. There are many ways in which you can help, so call and volunteer today. Don't be a chicken (especially when chicken is on the menu). Please contact Kathy Rose, Lani Kretschmar, or Bernice Burton on Sunday morning, or call the church office at 786-5061 if you would be able to help.

The Agawam Parish Association will be hosting the third annual Kathy Manley Memorial Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 23rd, at Feeding Hills Congregational Church from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. Everyone in town is invited to be our honored guest. If you are interested in volunteering to help make this event a success, you may contact Art Theobald, volunteer supervisor, at 789-4271. The next planning meeting will take place here on Monday, November 6th at 7:30 p.m.

## Activities At St. John's Church

**CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to our newly confirmed.** They all seemed to grow a little last Monday night when they professed their faith in Jesus Christ and confirmed their faith commitment of Baptism. May we keep them in our prayers that they will always be true to their Baptismal vows. Special thanks are due to those who helped make Confirmation an enjoyable experience once again: the parents of the class who stuck by their responsibility over these many years; their religion teachers from first grade onward, culminating with Edward and Robin Ranck, Mary Socha, and Ricardo Gomez this last year; Wayne Ball and the Choir, which sounded better than ever; our altar servers; the ladies from the Catholic Women's Club, who again outdid themselves with their refreshments; and the parish family in general who always provides so much support.

**ST. JOHN'S OVER 60 CLUB:** The group will be attending the production of "Victor/Victoria" at Bay Path College on Thursday, November 9th, at 8:00 p.m. Price: \$7. Tickets are available by calling Lorraine Maniscalchi at 786-4149.

**AGAWAM CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB:** The Women's Club is selling the "Entertainment Books" for \$20. You can participate in this fundraiser by calling Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY:** The group will meet this Friday night, November 3rd, at St. Theresa's in Agawam from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. All are invited to join them for some time of adoration.

**ST. JOHN'S GUILD:** Meeting on November 7th at 7:00 p.m. A night at the movies - "October Skies."

## Spaghetti & Meatballs At St. David's Church

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner on Monday, November 6th, at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages five to 12, and FREE for children under five years of age. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door.

Due to a sell-out on most of last year's dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:15 p.m. without prior arrangements.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

## Ag. Congregational's Announcements

Sunday, November 5th, will be "Veterans' Day Sunday" at Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street), with Rev. Earl speaking on: "Unfinished Labor." Those of you who are veterans, please bring in pictures or memorabilia to share with those in attendance at a reception that will follow in Bryan Hall (the public is cordially invited to attend).

The service will recognize all veterans (past and present) and include the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and a prayer of remembrance. Chris Sanchez, president of the Veterans' Council, will participate in the service. In addition, the color guard from American Legion Post 185 will present the colors.

The service will include patriotic hymns along with the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Jeff and Ed Hastings.

During the morning worship, child care is available for infants and toddlers. The choir, under the leadership of Ellen Cogen, will be singing an Anthem.

Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke (an ecumenical world-wide healing organization) and are available for prayer after the service. Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall.

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It is with great regret that due to unforeseen circumstances, the previously publicized Pizza/Bingo Evening for Saturday, November 4th, has been CANCELLED. The Friendship Committee of the Agawam Congregational Church made this decision.

It is hoped that we shall be able to reschedule this event for a future date, and we will let you know the new date as soon as we can.

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Sunday, November 19th is "Blanket Sunday." Lou & Matt Blackak will be in the Narthex on November 5th, 12th, and 19th to take donations for blankets.

These blankets are \$5 and used for the needy in the area and around the world.

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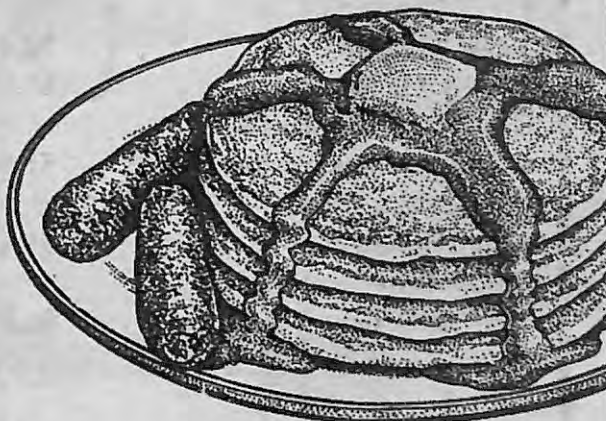
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## Events At Sacred Heart Church

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association will be holding the first of its sign-ups for the 2001 softball/baseball season. The sign-ups will take place in the Parish Center as follows: **Saturday, November 4th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; Sunday, November 5th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** The Sacred Heart Athletic Association is looking for new board members. Please mail your responses to Fr. Ron, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Deadline is Friday, November 17th.

The Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Children from the Agawam Basketball Organization (ABO) will be selling candy bars after all the Masses for the next few weekends. These children also participate in the Catholic Youth Organization League (CYO) and are sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish. There are more than 40 girls and boys playing on four teams that participate in both the Suburban and CYO leagues, many of them from this parish. The children will be selling an assortment of Hebert chocolate bars for \$1 each. Please help them out if possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Calendar From First Baptist Church

The Reverend Gage Hotaling will be our guest speaker on Sunday at our 9:30 Worship Service. His sermon title is "The Gospel for Main Street," and his selected Scriptures are from I Corinthians. The Ordinance of Communion will be observed. During the service, there will be a recognition of those who have been members of First Baptist Church for 50 years, and the Right Hand of Friendship will be extended to new members.

Following worship, there will be an opportunity for fellowship and coffee. Then there will be Church School classes for all ages. Two opportunities for adult study are offered: the Bible class and the "All Ears" Christian music appreciation class (during which members will hear and discuss several Christian musical pieces).

The Hand Bell Choir rehearses each Thursday morning at 10:00, and our Youth Group meets each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

The Thursday evening Bible Study will meet at the home of Dot Major at 7:00 p.m.

Preparation is underway for the dance which will be held in our Bodurtha Hall on Friday, November 10th.

Music will be provided by the "Memories Big Band." They will share their extensive library of tunes for our dancing and listening pleasure.

For more information, please call the church office at 786-7300 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

## Events At St. Anthony's And St. Theresa's

\* **Saturday, November 4th:** 5:15 p.m., Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, 1st sitting; 6:15 p.m., Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, 2nd sitting.

\* **Sunday, November 5th:** 9:15 a.m., CCD; 5:00 p.m., UNICO National, Agawam Chapter, 18th Annual Requiem Memorial Mass.

\* **Monday, November 6th:** 6:00 p.m., 8:30 Choir rehearsal; 7:00 p.m., CCD.

\* **Tuesday, November 7th:** 7:00 p.m., Parish Commissions meeting in the Parish Education Center.

\* **Thursday, November 9th:** 7:30 p.m., 4:30 Choir rehearsal.

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## Holiday Bazaar At Immaculate Conception

The annual Holiday Bazaar at Immaculate Conception Church in West Springfield is scheduled this year for Saturday, November 4th, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The church (located at 475-485 Main Street) will host some excellent crafters selling holiday decorations and gift items.

There will also be a luncheon at 12:00 noon, raffles for the young and not-so-young, and a Chinese auction. Immediately after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass, the same hall will be set to welcome everyone to a complete meal featuring American chop suey, salad, rolls, and dessert (tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for those under 12).

## Chicken Pie Supper At F.H. Congregational

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a Chicken Pie Supper, mini-bazaar, and food sale on Saturday, November 11th.

The menu will include chicken pie, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans almondine, homemade apple or squash pie, and beverage. The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children under eight, preschool age children are free, with continuous servings from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

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## Spotlight on Business



PEPPO'S PLACE is located at 605 Silver Street, across from the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. Stop by and enjoy a delicious breakfast or lunch. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** The happy family owners of Peppo's Place on Silver Street (back row) - Rosa & Santolo Odierna and Gina & Peppo Odierna. Seated are the children of Gina and Peppo, Dario and Santolo Odierna. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

# Peppo's Place Soon To Celebrate One Year In Business

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

In December 2000, **Peppo's Place** will celebrate one year in business.

Located at 605 Silver Street in Agawam, **Peppo's Place** can be reached with convenience from most points in town. The new owners, Rosa and Santolo Odierna, have changed the face of this venue, which was formerly Marie's Restaurant.

"We want people to know that we are new owners and have changed many things about this place," Peppo Odierna told us. The restaurant has many unique benefits, already discovered by the patrons.

"We are standing room only at noon," Gina Odierna said. "We also serve breakfasts from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. and are open until 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Our breakfasts feature Peppo's bread, made from scratch."

In fact, everything at Peppo's is made to order. Nothing is pre-cooked and every sandwich is made especially for the customer. Gina grew up in the

breakfast business and prefers working the grill. She makes "mean omelettes, eggs, and French toast." Peppo's specialty is his pizza, but the fresh vienna bread he formulates each morning runs a close second. No preservatives are used. This is turned into little vienna rolls, which are delicious when made into 'pininnis' (the word in Italian for little sandwiches).

"We put ham, egg and cheese, or bacon and cheese, or to order, on these little fresh rolls, and our customers seem to really enjoy them," Gina raves. "Peppo also makes the danish from a separate dough, and from a third dough comes the turnovers. Peppo also made donuts when he worked at the Donut House in West Springfield and we eventually want to add them to the menu."

**Peppo's Place** offers some unusual concepts for customers, such as their private banquet room, with a capacity of close to 100. Gina said, "It's available for parties of 10 to 100. We've done weddings, lots of christenings, showers, birthday parties.....and a real-

ly special option is that you can make your own pizza party here. Our prices are reasonable. If we cater, the room rental is negotiable."

Gina and Peppo met when Peppo came from Italy on vacation 14 years ago. Gina's parents owned the Donut House, which used to be on Main Street in West Springfield, and Gina was working there. Gina and Peppo bought it from her parents so the older couple could retire. For a few years, Peppo owned a pizza business in Chicopee and Gina and her folks ran the Donut House, but when the restaurant on Silver Street became available, the family decided to buy it, allowing them to incorporate both businesses under one roof. Gina's parents help out, as do their children.

**Peppo's Place** is pleasant and the selection is diversified. Everything is fresh, portions are generous, and the location is convenient to most points in town. **Peppo's Place** is ideal for parties, group functions, or a morning, afternoon, or evening meal.



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### Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset? (Part 1 of 2)...

Few people feel comfortable without protection against the loss of their home, life, or car. But, strangely, many people never consider protecting what is likely their most valuable asset - their ability to earn an income.

One reason for the disparity is that most people don't believe a disabling accident or illness will happen to them. Or, they fail to make the connection between a car accident and the potential for a serious injury. However, a disability that keeps you from working may be more likely to occur than the loss of your home. Because a disability is a distinct possibility, you should consider disability insurance as part of your overall financial plan.

**Get the right coverage for your needs.** Before you buy disability insurance, make sure you understand the types of coverage available and which one can provide the best protection for the premium you can afford. Disability policies generally fall into two

main categories:

\* **Short-term disability** - These policies are meant to replace your income for a short period, until you recover or have access to other financial benefits. These policies' maximum benefit period does not exceed two years and typically lasts between 13 and 26 weeks. The disability coverage offered to many workers as an employee benefit are usually short-term policies.

\* **Long-term disability** - These policies replace income for disabilities that last a number of years or even a lifetime. These policies protect against larger financial loss, paying benefits for a specified number of years until age 65 or for the disabled person's lifetime. Some employers offer this type of coverage and many people buy it on their own.

Because long-term disability is probably a greater threat to your financial health, you should choose the maximum benefit available. This is often between 50 percent and 90 percent depending on the insurance company's issue limits, your income, and any available group coverage, such as employer-provided coverage.

**Key policy points to consider.** In choosing disability coverage that both meets your needs and is affordable, carefully consider these variables:

**Amount of benefit** - The weekly or monthly amount you would receive while disabled. The higher the benefit, the higher the premium.

**Elimination (waiting) period** - The length of time you must wait after being disabled to start receiving benefits. Short-term policies usually let you choose any-

where between zero and 14 days. Long-term plans typically offer waiting periods of three to six months (this period is where a short-term policy may also come in handy). Like a car insurance deductible, the more you pay up front for a loss, the less your premium will be.

**Maximum benefit period** - A longer maximum benefit period will cost more, but as noted earlier, this could protect against a catastrophic financial loss caused by an ongoing disability.

**Definitions of disability** - Policies differ considerably in defining disabilities covered, so make sure you understand exactly what conditions qualify for benefits. For example, some policies cover only "total and permanent" disabilities, while others might pay for "partial" or "temporary" disabilities. What's more, one policy may consider you disabled if you cannot perform your "own occupation" while another may consider you disabled only if you can't perform in "any occupation." Also, a number of policies only cover disabilities caused by accidents and not by illness.

**Noncancelable vs. guaranteed renewable** - A policy that is "noncancelable" gives you the right to renew your policy each year, usually until you reach age 65, without any changes in the premium amount or contract terms.

With a "guaranteed renewable" policy, you have the right to renew, but the insurance company may increase your premium (as long as it does so across an entire class of policyholders). Other policies labeled "conditionally renewable" or with other terms don't offer as much renewal protection.





## Travel Talk...

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### Cruising On The "Explorer Of The Seas"

Well, I can actually say that I have been on the largest cruise ship in the world. Last week, my sister, Linda Gloster of Agawam, and I boarded a motor-coach in Springfield to begin a weekend of sightseeing aboard the "Explorer Of The Seas."

When we arrived in New York at the pier, I couldn't believe my eyes. Sitting there was a 142,000-ton beauty, only just christened the night before. This ship had just arrived from Europe to begin her cruising debut in the United States and Caribbean.

I will try to describe the beauty of this vessel, but in order to appreciate its magnificence, you must go on it! Some of the activities to keep you busy while on the ship are rock-climbing, in-line roller skating, miniature golf, basketball, shuffleboard, table tennis, and yes, even ICE SKATING.

The area for children was wonderful! It is called Ocean Adventure and is complete with two pools, slides, and even a shaded area for those who want to be near their children to sit and relax. The cabins were adequate in size, not that large, but then again, who has time to sleep?

The ship was named after the great explorers of the world, so many of the lounges, dining rooms, and meeting areas had an explorer theme. Truly, this ship is a destination in itself. Our office has a video if you would like to learn more about Royal Caribbean's "Explorer Of The Seas." Call or stop in for your free brochure or just to sit and watch the video.

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## Legal Memo

by  
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### Products Liability Defective Bungee Cord

The plaintiff was using a bungee cord that had been purchased from one of the defendant companies and distributed by the other.

The plaintiff alleged that as he stretched the subject cord across the bed of a pickup truck, the end of the cord slipped out of the hook basket and snapped back in his direction, destroying his left eye. The plaintiff

## Stop & Shop To Raise Funds For Hunger Relief

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company has kicked off a month-long program to raise funds for local hunger relief organizations. Running now through November 25th, Stop & Shop stores, including Feeding Hills Center, will have scannable pumpkins and turkeys available for customers interested in donating \$1 towards hunger relief. On the weekend of October 28th, Stop & Shop stores hosted store fundraising events, including Halloween costume contests, haunted houses, pumpkin painting, and hayrides.

"When we introduced 'All the Ingredients,' our new branding campaign, we affirmed Stop & Shop's values and dedication to customer service as well as a commitment to becoming involved with the various communities in Stop & Shop's operating area," said Stop & Shop's CEO, Marc Smith. "In the spring, Stop & Shop associates raised over \$3 million for the Jimmy Fund and we are continuing our commitment by assisting local hunger relief organizations. As we approach the holiday season, we feel it is important to support those in need," Smith continued.

As part of Stop & Shop's Thanks for Giving/Food for Friends program, each store adopted a local hunger relief organization in their community. Additionally, Stop & Shop's food bank partners will receive donations from the fundraising event. Stop & Shop has committed to the cause by donating turkeys to its local food bank partners. The company plans on helping to feed approximately 200,000 individuals through the turkey donation. Based on last year's program, Stop & Shop anticipates giving away over 10,000 turkeys. Stop & Shop will also match a portion of the funds raised through the Thanks for Giving/Food for Friends program.

According to America's Second Harvest National Food Bank, over 21 million recipients are served by food bank networks. More than eight million of those recipients are children.

claimed that the subject cord was unreasonably dangerous, defective due to its design and manufacture.

The plaintiff's counsel took the deposition of the distributor and established that certain inferior components of the subject cord were manufactured in Taiwan and later assembled in Malaysia.

Further, the plaintiff alleged that the hook, the crimp, the basket, and the weave pattern of the sheathing were unreasonably dangerous and defective.

The case was settled for \$1.3 million shortly after mediation.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

## Home Improvement...

by Don & Julie Chartier  
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### Winterizing Your Home (Part 1 Of 2)...

(This is the first in a two-part series on "Winterizing Your Home." This week's article takes a closer look outside...)

Now that the first snow is upon us, it is time to make sure that the outside of your home is ready for another winter season. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- \* Check and clean all gutters and downspouts. Ice dams can form when water can not flow freely through them.

- \* While you are on the ladder, examine the roof. Are the shingles curling up or cracking? Is there adequate flashing? Does snow and ice have a clear path off your roof?

- \* Examine the trees around or above your house, garage, and pool. Are there any heavy limbs that are dying or dead? A heavy snow or ice storm could bring them down. You may want to have them taken down now.

- \* Check all doors and windows for any rotted wood on frames, sills, and thresholds. Repair or replace if necessary.

- \* Check weather stripping on doors and windows. Is it in good condition? You may need to replace it if it is cracked or torn.

- \* Check and clean the chimneys. With such a cold winter expected, you will be using the fireplace and wood stove more than ever.

- \* Seal decks and patios with a wood or concrete sealer.

- \* Flush and turn off outside faucets, and put hoses away for the winter.

- \* Cover outside air conditioning units.

- \* Put all of your storm windows down and check for drafts. You may need to caulk around the outside for a good seal.

- \* And last but not least, make sure those snow shovels and snow blowers are pulled out from the back of the shed or garage, and ready to go.

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## Agawam Woman Wins GM Contest

Mary Zajac of Agawam was one of five winners across the country in the General Motors Countdown Vehicle Giveaway.

Zajac won a 2001 Oldsmobile Alero GL sedan.

Local GM retailer Balise Chevrolet-Oldsmobile supplied the vehicle.

Zajac got to choose the color and option/equipment package she wanted on her new Alero.

Contest participants were asked to watch the Olympics on NBC and then go online and answer three questions. Fourteen winners were drawn at random, one per day.

Zajac was the second-day winner. She said she was inspired to enter because the first-day's winner was from New Hampshire.

Zajac said that she couldn't believe it when she received the phone call telling her she was a winner.

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Grand Opening Slated For Nov. 9th...

## Keenan & Molta Assoc. Opens New Office In Long.

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates has announced that a Grand Opening will take place at its new office at 136 Dwight Road in Longmeadow.

The event will take place on November 9th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. (This Grand Opening was originally publicized to take place on November 2nd, but the date had to be changed.)

The new Longmeadow/Springfield office will be home to more than 40 agents.

"We're excited about this Grand Opening. The new office will truly be a one-stop shopping center for our real estate customers," says Bob Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

The 5,000 square-foot facility houses a media center where customers can scan through available properties by computer and see the listings on an oversized monitor.

The office also houses the company's Relocation and Mortgage Divisions. Customers interested in building their own home will also find assistance here through Keenan & Molta's Homes Division.

The new office is a state-of-the-art place to work for the company's agents who have the latest technology at their fingertips.

This will help each Keenan & Molta agent serve his or her clients more efficiently.

The new office was opened in early September after the company moved out of its former Springfield and Longmeadow offices to consolidate its services and agents at the new location.

\*\*\* Be sure to check our classifieds each and every week...AAN!!! \*\*\*



KEVIN CHRISANTHOPOULOS

## K. Chrisanthopoulos Joins Burstein Law Offices

Attorney Kevin Chrisanthopoulos of Agawam has joined Burstein Law Offices, P.C. as an associate. He is a graduate of Western New England College and Roger Williams University School of Law.

While in Rhode Island, he completed a Judicial Clerkship for the Honorable Judge Pfeiffer. After graduating law school, he was a law clerk with the Law Firm of Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury & Murphy, PC.

Chrisanthopoulos will concentrate his practice in civil and criminal litigation. He is a member of the Hampden County Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association.

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## Keenan & Molta Welcomes Two New Agents

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates welcomes two new agents to its Longmeadow/Springfield office, **Amy Bottke** and **Carolyn Ellis**. Both will serve the Greater Springfield area working with residential buyers and sellers. "We're happy to have these two talented Realtors join our award-winning team," says Bob Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

**Amy Bottke** has several years of real estate experience. She's a resident of Indian Orchard and has lived in Western Massachusetts for 10 years. Bottke is experienced in helping customers buy government-owned homes through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. She will continue that work for Keenan & Molta, and will also serve residential buyers and sellers in the Greater Springfield area.

**Carolyn Ellis** is a resident of Springfield and has lived here in Western Massachusetts for 14 years. She's looking forward to meeting new customers and helping them achieve their home-ownership dreams. Ellis is a notary public and her prior business experience is in managing an auto dealer and repair shop. She's ready to help you sell your home or purchase your dream home.

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## Domestic Law Issues...

From The Law Offices Of  
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### Divorce Mediation - An Alternative

**Question:** My husband and I have decided that we want a divorce, but we want to also remain friends after the divorce so that we can effectively parent our children and attend family functions as a unit. Neither of us want to make negative comments about the other, but my divorced friends tell me that attorneys must "fight for our rights in court." Is there an alternative to both my husband and I hiring an attorney to process a contested divorce?

**Answer:** Have you heard about divorce mediation or family mediation? Mediation has been used for years in labor management disputes, consumer complaints, and other problems in court. Now, it can be used effectively in family matters, such as divorce, paternity, or changing your previous divorce agreement.

Mediation is an informal process. No court is involved until you are ready to file your divorce agreement and the complaint for divorce. Mediation is a voluntary process. You can end it at any time. The mediation takes place in a neutral and confidential setting. Although the mediator may be a lawyer, the mediator does not function as a lawyer in the mediation and will not be representing either party. The mediation assists the two parties to work towards an agreement. But, only the two people can make it work.

The mediator can only ASSIST the parties in reaching an agreement. Although the mediator may be any of the following, in the mediation, they are not functioning as a therapist, social worker, or lawyer. As mediator, they are using their special dispute resolution skills.

Some of the other advantages of mediating a divorce are the cost of a mediated divorce would most likely be less than going through the traditional approach. The lesser cost is partially the result of the less time mediated divorce will take. If the parties can be mature and reasonable, the level of anger and pain may be reduced considerably. The divorce agreement itself may be completed in as little time as several weeks.

The Law Office of Patricia M. Hebert, P.C. has a staff attorney who only does mediation. Anyone interested in the process may contact Attorney Hebert's office for more information.



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### Financial Self-Defense...

Coming to the end of 2000 (already!) is making some people think about how quickly life is going by ... and it's making most of us realize how important it is to have some type of financial game plan put in place. More than ever, many feel the slow economy ... they understand the costs of medical benefits are rising ... and many of their friends are looking for work.

#### The Importance Of Financial Planning

Everyone needs to take stock of his/her assets ... such planning allows you to stay in control of your life. It has become more important than ever to set specific goals, understand timing, and work your priorities. Those people without priorities may not be able to have the house of their dreams, an education for their children, or a comfortable retirement. This new environment in which we live has generated a number of realities that people must consider...

\* **You or your spouse may be out of work for six months ... or more.** Your emergency fund is now more important than ever.

\* **One spouse's income may no longer be just for luxuries ...** it may be needed for basics that the whole family can count on.

\* **Your timetable for certain goals may have to be changed ...** you may have to delay certain purchases.

#### Make A Game Plan

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\* **Set goals ...** you'll need one set of goals for the near future (the next year or two) ... and another for the long run. **BE SPECIFIC!**

\* **Form a strategy to meet your goals ...** This is where you allocate your assets and plan your investments. Look at the trade-offs that may be necessary to meet your goals. If you cannot meet all of them when you thought you could, reset your priorities.

\* **Consider problems as well as opportunities ...** What if you lose your job, do you have funds available? ... What if a family member faces long-term illness, do you have adequate insurance coverage? ... What if you or your spouse dies, do you have an up-to-date will, and have you arranged for guardians for the kids?

#### Expedite Your Plan

After you have laid out your plan, put it into action. Shop around for the best mutual funds, the best CDs, the best insurance deals, etc. By knowing **EXACTLY** where you stand and what your financial goals are, you will be better able to withstand the economic uncertainties to come over the years ahead.

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam and President/Founder of Rose Real Estate Group, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers throughout New England. Comments and questions can be directed to him at 846-0961 or via his e-mail at [RaymondRose@aol.com](mailto:RaymondRose@aol.com). Listen to his pre-recorded Home Buyer's Info-Line at 846-0923 ... and feel comfortable to contact him via e-mail to receive his **FREE** online newsletter ... it's filled with informative and money-saving info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

and counters all lend themselves to relatively inexpensive makeovers. Try to blend colors and styles with those used in adjoining rooms.

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# For Your Health

## Yoga Classes At Agawam Senior Center



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## Mercy Hospital To Host Breast Cancer Support Group

The Breast Cancer Support Group at Mercy Hospital meets from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St. The next sessions are November 7th and 21st.

Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P. of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department and are open to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer or who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). The SPHS' member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care and more. The SPHS is a founding member of Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest health care systems. Catholic Health East facilities serve communities in eastern states from Maine to Florida.

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### "Let's Talk About It"

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### Getting In The Way Of Yourself...

A client began her session describing to me her week and specifically that day as, "just can't seem to get out of my own way. I just keep bumping into myself."

She went on describing the details surrounding her day. I wondered out loud about what all this bumping into herself was teaching her. At first, she chuckled. Then she began to laugh. She suddenly realized that all this *bumping into herself* was exactly what she had been both carefully avoiding and desiring at the same time.

She, like many of us, bumped up against one of life's paradoxes, namely; in running away from ourselves, we often find ourselves. I would add that if and when we run away from and then face important (family) relationships, we can also *bump into* our most authentic-self.

This is not to suggest that we can only face our "self" through the process of running away. No, I believe the struggle is to directly face into these questions: "Who am I? Who do I want to become? Who do people say that I am?" These and other such important questions are leading us into discovering our most authentic-self.

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This same client, nearing the conclusion of the session, asked me, "What do I do now? Now that I realize who it is I no longer want to be and who it is I want to become?" I believe when a person comes to these very mature questions in their life, they are probably ready to regularly begin *bumping into themselves*.

I responded by reflecting back to her my perception that she seemed to be able to see more clearly the importance of not dismissing all this "*bumping into*" as something to avoid and/or as something bad. In fact, she went on to rather humorously identify (or,

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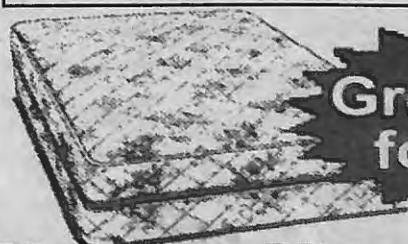
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At Baystate Medical Center...

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Designed for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, and nurse midwives, the programs will offer health care providers with an update on the diagnosis and treatment of breast diseases.

Among the topics of discussion will be the current status of breast MRI, chemoprevention and new hormonal agents, and Her2neu: an overview of testing, interpretation and targeted therapy.

Led by Dr. Grace Makari-Judson, medical director, Baystate Medical Center's Comprehensive Breast Center, the program will feature a national faculty and will include lectures and questions and answers.

The program is co-sponsored by Baystate Medical Center's Department of Medicine, Hematology/Oncology Division, the Comprehensive Breast Center, Rays of Hope and the Office of Continuing Education.

Tuition is \$55, \$65 for registrations received after October 31st, and includes lunch, refreshment break and course syllabus. There is no charge for parking.

For more information, or to receive a registration form, call the Office of Continuing Education at 794-3466.

To register on line, go to [www.baystatehealth.com/coned](http://www.baystatehealth.com/coned).

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as I would say, name) some important things she recently "bumped into" about either the direction she wanted or didn't want to take in her life.

Bumping into our "self" can be very enlightening. The author of *PASSIONATE MARRIAGE*, David Schnarch, encourages us to be careful about getting our sense of self reflected back to us from others. He calls this way of knowing yourself as your "reflected sense-of-self." I think he captures the real need to gain our own sense of self through the process of bumping into ourselves. This way of relationship will promote real possibilities of mature intimacy with self and other.

I think, bumping into your "self" can be a very intimate, very challenging, even frightening experience. **How we live into caring for self, other, and God** can make all the difference as to whether or not we can bump into another person freely able to offer our most authentic-self without needing to take their 'self' from them in order to gain a 'self' for ourselves.

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Thanks go out for one of this week's e-mail responses to the question I posed at the end of last week's column, "Am I speaking a foreign language to you?": "Yes, it is foreign, but familiar at the same time. I have a different language and way of understanding how family relationships work than you. Please keep teaching us your way."

Please continue to e-mail, telephone, or write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and "Let's Talk about it."

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### Your Back And Your Health

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### Saab Sends Pro-Chiropractic Message

I couldn't believe my ears recently when I heard Saab's newest radio commercial. Not only does the safety-conscious car company tout its Active Head Restraint's ability to prevent whiplash, but it also recommends that those who sustain a whiplash injury visit a chiropractor.

I found it quite impressive to see a major car manufacturer give some well-deserved, positive press to my profession.

I called Saab's corporate offices and attempted to commend Saab's advertising strategy. I was given information that allowed me to communicate with

Saab's public relations staff to obtain the radio script and I thought it might be of interest to my readers.

Here's the commercial:

SAAB VOICE: Saab versus the chiropractor.

VOICE 2: There are many treatments for whiplash injury.

SAAB VOICE: Saab has focused on a different way to confront whiplash. Before it happens.

VOICE 2: Cervical collars, acupuncture, ultrasound

SAAB VOICE: During a rear-end collision, the Saab Active Head Restraint is designed to actually move upward and forward.

VOICE 2: Heat, ice, massage

SAAB VOICE: The Saab Active Head Restraint is designed to catch the head before it's whipped backward.

VOICE 2: Spinal manipulation may be the most effective treatment. For whiplash, see a chiropractor.

SAAB VOICE: Or, drive a Saab.

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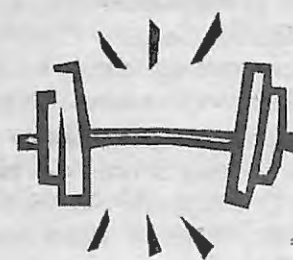
The Fitness First Junior High School Strength Training Program is designed as a first time, hands-on orientation to weight training. It is a special structured program, tailored for the pre-teen and younger teenager, 12-14 years of age. This program will introduce these students to the importance of strength training, and yet have fun at the same time! During this 6-week session our Certified Personal Trainers will supervise & cover many important areas of fitness training. Each participant will receive a Fitness First Strength Training Certificate.

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The ankle is quite the joint. It provides support for the leg and entire body. It absorbs and adapts to loads, shocks, and uneven surfaces and must perform complex movements while supporting high weights and forces during walking.

Sprain injuries to the ankle cause temporary and sometimes long-term disability. Most sprain injuries can be successfully treated with conservative care. In deciding to x-ray a patient, if the patient is unable to bear weight and there is significant tenderness, then an x-ray is needed to rule out a fracture. Fractures need to be immobilized in a cast or surgically repaired.

Initial care for an ankle sprain consists of ice. Apply cold packs to the area 10 minutes per hour. Elevate the region above heart level. The cooling effect controls inflammation, limits bleeding and bruising, and inhibits pain. A brace or aircast helps reduce movement during stress on the joint. Controlled movement has been found to stimulate collagen repair while limiting adhesion (scar tissue) formation.

During the initial acute phase, the first few days,

## Agawam Support Group Sponsored By The NAMI-WM

On the last Monday of each month, a support group sponsored by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts is held at the Agawam Council On Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Groups sponsored by the NAMI-WM are facilitated by persons who have had years of experience with mental illness, either directly or as family members of an ill person. At most meetings, there will be people present who have varying degrees of experience and knowledge about mental illness. Others have only recently faced the problems created by mental illness.

The support group meetings are intended to supply emotional support and information. Discussions are honest and open, but no one is expected to talk about anything he or she would rather not discuss. *Everything said at these meetings is kept confidential.*

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exercises for the damaged joint are not appropriate. However, general full-body conditioning should be used. The joint should be moved passively, not actively. For example, a stationary bicycle with pedal straps provides some gentle mobilization. Once a joint can be actively moved through a limited range of motion without significant pain, resistance exercises with elastic tubing can be started. As strength builds, weight-bearing exercises to retrain the ankle support should be incorporated.

When an ankle is injured, oftentimes the nerve fibers are damaged. This means that the information going up to the brain is incorrect. The brain doesn't know the exact position of the foot. That's why people tend to re-injure the ankle again and again. They assume they have "weak ankles," but the ankle never healed properly and the nerve signals are incorrect.

The brain cannot assess the pothole or graded terrain and the joint is re-injured. Any patient who wants to regain the ability to handle uneven surfaces and be able to respond to quick balance changes will have to retrain the neurological coordination of the foot and ankle. This is best done spending time on uneven surfaces, like a balance board or mini-trampoline. There are many exercises that can be incorporated to encourage re-training.

Ankle sprains can be disabling. Get proper treatment immediately to provide a rapid return to daily activities.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at 850 Springfield St. in Feeding Hills. She can be reached at 786-4820.

## Flu & Pneumonia Vaccine Clinics For Residents

A Flu & Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic for Agawam residents 65 and over will be held in the following locations:

Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Monday, November 6th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.; Danahy School House, 51 Maple St., Agawam, Wednesday, November 8th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; and Pheasant Hill Community Building, 25 Pheasant Hill, Feeding Hills, Monday, November 13th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Agawam residents only, ages 65 and over, are asked to please bring your insurance card information and a donated, non-perishable food item.

## Hospice Of Western New England Seeking Volunteers

Hospice of Western New England provides services to Agawam, Southwick, Springfield, and other surrounding towns. They are seeking individuals interested in becoming volunteers. A free, 20-hours evening training program for prospective volunteers will begin in November. The program will cover a variety of subjects ranging from listening skills to the psychological, social, and spiritual aspects of terminal illness.

"We are looking for caring people who are willing to take the time to learn the necessary skills to become effective volunteers, make a time commitment to their patients, and maintain strict confidentiality," said Caroline Stanton, Volunteer Coordinator.

Companion volunteers typically work from two to five hours per week. During that time, they may provide companionship, offer supportive listening, provide temporary respite for family caregivers, assist with meal preparation or light housekeeping, run errands and do shopping. "Volunteers usually take one patient at a time and work with that patient throughout the course of the illness," explained Stanton.

Hospice is also seeking volunteer therapists trained in massage and Reiki. Stanton explained, "We have one massage therapist volunteering now and she is very much in demand. We are hoping to have additional therapists so more of our patients may take advantage of such a service." Hospice needs volunteers for assignments covering Hampden County and other parts of Worcester and Hampshire Counties.

Persons interested in registering for the volunteer training program or in learning more about being a Hospice volunteer should contact Caroline Stanton, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at VNA & Hospice of Western New England, (413) 827-4472.

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*If you have dropped off any photos to our office for Boy Scout activities, church events, etc., please pick them up after they appear in The AAN...*

# Getting in the way of Yourself.

Read more about this in today's FOR YOUR HEALTH column.

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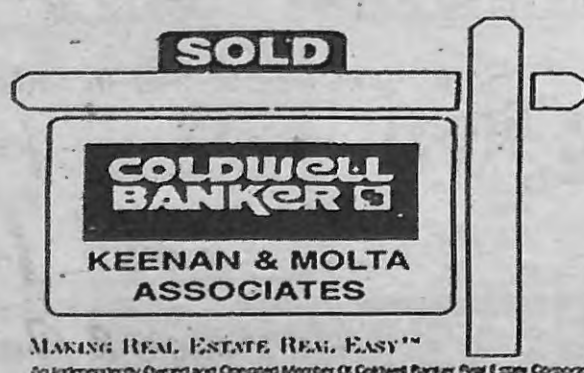
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THE "MEMORIES BIG BAND" OF BUD HALPIN will be playing a benefit dance at Agawam Baptist Church on Friday, November 10th. The band is seen here at a performance held recently at Enfield Mall in Enfield, Connecticut.

# Come To The "Big Band" Dance At Agawam Baptist Church

On Friday evening, November 10th, the "Memories Big Band" of Bud Halpin will be playing for a benefit dance in Bodurtha Hall at Agawam Baptist Church from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person, and free refreshments will be served (with proceeds going to our church).

The Memories Big Band is a full-size "swing" ensemble (a 17-member group) of Connecticut- and Massachusetts-based musicians who are dedicated to reviving the music of the Big Band Era.

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### Trick Or Treat? The Night HE Came Home! (Part II)

This week, I will conclude my two-part series on the "Halloween" saga.

\* "Halloween 5 - The Revenge of Michael Myers": 1989. Rated R.

The ongoing Michael Myers saga continues in this sequel that, in true "Halloween" style, continues at the precise moment that "Halloween 4 - The Return of Michael Myers" concluded. The film was produced with a mindful eye on the production values that made the previous films a success.

Typically, the fifth film in a series is usually a joke, especially in the horror genre. "Halloween 5 - The Revenge of Michael Myers" proves to be a refreshing departure from the aforementioned stereotype. The film demonstrates the same chilling photography that fans of the series have become accustomed to. The only negative aspect of the film is the inclusion of some slight but still excessive gore. This is quite unlike the previous films that are known for their omission of Hollywood gore in favor of quality of substance.

Acting is also quite commendable, especially by the returning Donald Pleasence as the now-famous Dr. Sam Loomis, Myers' doctor. Danielle Harris also returns as Michael's beleaguered niece, delivering a remarkable performance for such a young actress in a major role.

The eerie "Halloween" theme made famous by

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none other than "Halloween" and "Halloween II" guru John Carpenter is also a major contributor to the film's intense suspense. Editing is another factor that impressed me with this film. Logical storyline transitions are made more potent because of the nearly flawless editing. There's even a mysterious character introduced who promises to shed some light on the Myers' mystique in a later film!

In an era when horror movies are churned out by the dozens with no attention on quality, "Halloween 5 - The Revenge of Michael Myers" ultimately proves to be a fine example of a sequel that really tries to be a great picture and succeeds wholly. **3 STARS.**

\* **"Halloween - The Curse of Michael Myers": 1995. Rated R.**

Six years have passed since "Halloween 5 - The Revenge of Michael Myers" left fans with a major plot cliffhanger. Now, this next chapter in the saga explains the origin of the crazed Michael Myers.

Donald Pleasence returns once again as Dr. Loomis, who now is trying to protect not only Michael's niece from the previous chapters, but also her baby. We see the creative inclusion of miscellaneous characters who appeared somewhere in the previous films, as well as the same attention to production value.

The problem with this film is that the plot moves way too fast at times. It is very difficult to absorb all the explanations behind Michael's insanity; it almost immediately requires a second viewing. Although this doesn't entirely destroy the integrity of the film, it does leave the viewer with an underlying feeling of unfulfill-

ment.

It is also worth noting that executive director Moustapha Akkad (who has served in his current post since the original masterpiece) did have some widely-publicized creative differences with director Joe Chappelle. Consequently, there are two very different versions of this film; one is the commercial release (which is the one most of you will see in the video store), and another that is known as the "Producer's Cut." The latter proves to be the better of the two versions, but, alas, is not legally available.

The ending to the film also proves to be quite baffling (referring to Chappelle's version, for the ending to Akkad's version is completely different.) This really hurts the film primarily because the movies in this series are known for their perfect endings. This, in addition to more needless gore (again, not present in Akkad's version), causes the film to be only average and causes it to blend in with other "Myers-imitators" that have incessantly tried to copy the original "Halloween" since "Friday the 13th" burst onto the scene in 1980. **2 STARS.**

\* **"Halloween H20 - Twenty Years Later": 1998. Rated R.**

The final chapter in the series sees yet another plot surprise in true Halloween fashion with the return of a character thought dead since "Halloween 4 - The Return of Michael Myers" ... Jamie Lee Curtis as Michael's sister, Laurie Strode.

This film's intensity comes directly from the emergence of Strode and her inevitable confrontation with her brother. After faking her death and changing

her name, Strode is the headmistress of a posh private school in California. This marks the first time in the saga where the setting is not Haddonfield, IL.

From a production standpoint, this film is top-notch. The photography lives up to the precedent set in the previous films and is complemented by genuine acting and a strong script. Absent, however, is series staple Donald Pleasence, who passed away only months after finishing work on "Halloween - The Curse of Michael Myers."

The film generates intense suspense on a regular basis and provides all the right scares periodically throughout the picture. Curtis plays an older and wiser Laurie Strode who must struggle with the demons from her past regarding her homicidal brother and her demons of the present (alcoholism). The first confrontation between the siblings proves to be the climax of the film.

"Halloween H20 - Twenty Years Later" brings this popular series of quality horror films to a close in grand form. The return of Jamie Lee Curtis adds to the film's appeal and culminates into an ending that is perfectly appropriate for the end of not only the film, but the entire film series. **4 STARS.**

\* **"PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS** - Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid.

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by John Walters  
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### Chianti

This week's column is about Chianti. It is widely known that a glass of red wine is good for you. It aids in digestion and is good for your heart because it fights cholesterol. So, I asked my friend, Gary Sandman, who is the president of The Wine Tasters' Guild, to give us some info in Chianti. I hope you enjoy this article.

Perhaps the most famous red wine from Italy is Chianti. It's well-known as the wine in the straw basket-style bottle that you see on the table in many an Italian restaurant, but that is the inexpensive wine from the region only.

Chianti is located between Florence and Rome, part of the wine-growing region of Tuscany. The red grape used is Sangiovese (san-geo-vay-see) and by law must be the primary grape (at least 75 percent) in Chianti. Other red grapes are blended with Sangiovese and often some white grapes are blended in as well. This helps soften the acidic taste you get when you sip Chianti. But Italians never sip Chianti by itself, but rather drink it with food like lasagna, veal parmigiana, or other tomato sauce-based dishes.

So how do you find the better Chianti? Within Chianti, there is a smaller growing area called Chianti Classico. There are over 200 vineyards in the Classico district. The wine bottle will say "Chianti Classico" instead of just "Chianti" and will generally be more expensive.

When the Chianti Classico is barrel-aged for a couple of years and thus softened further, it can still carry a designation called "Riserva." The wine has been RESERVED for a later release when the winery feels it is time. These wines are higher still in price. So, try some of those Chianti Classico or Classico Riserva and you'll notice a much smoother, more elegant wine than you find in the straw basket.

Brands that are well-known for quality are RUFFINO, ANTINORI, MELINI, BANFI, and LAMOLE DI LAMOLE. But there are many great producers of Chianti, from \$5 to \$50 a bottle.

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## Ag. Community Artists To Present Watercolor Demo

The Agawam Community Artists are pleased to present Mary Ann Wordsworth, an artist who resides in South Hadley, who will execute a watercolor demonstration.

The meeting will be held Monday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield St., Agawam.

Meetings and demonstrations of the Agawam Community Artists, under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, are open to the public.

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## Local Student To Star In HCC Play

Diane Griffin, a Feeding Hills resident, is a member of the ensemble in Holyoke Community College's fall production, *Botanica A Comedy of Miracles*, November 1st-5th. Written by Dolores Prida, one of the most important playwrights of contemporary Hispanic theater in the United States, *Botanica* is a witty, insightful, and magical play set in East Harlem.

It tells the story of three generations of Puerto Rican women struggling with generation and culture gaps. Alive with the sounds of live salsa, delightful characters, and laughter, *Botanica* is theater for the whole family.

Dolores Prida has written for the stage and television. A Cuban-American, her work has earned her a Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Mount Holyoke College, making her one of a few Latino writers to receive an honorary degree in this country.

Her most recent play, *Four Jose's and a Maria*, is currently playing off-Broadway. Patricia Sandoval, a professor in HCC's Theater Department, directs *Botanica*.

Performance dates are November 1st through 5th, with an additional performance on Wednesday, November 15th at 11:00 a.m. The performance on Sunday, November 5th is a matinee beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday begin at 8:00 p.m. All performances are in the HCC Forum. General admission is \$5, \$3 for area students and senior citizens, and free to the HCC community. Group rates are available.

Call 552-2528 for reservations.

The November 15th performances is free and does not require reservations.

## Memory Lane Chorus To Perform At Senior Center

The Memory Lane Chorus of the Agawam Senior Center will be featured in the November "First Friday" program on 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be given at the Agawam Senior Center in cabaret style with table seating and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available during the concert.

The "First Friday" programs are sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and supported by the Massachusetts Council for the Arts.

Since the formation of the chorus several years ago, a number of concerts have been presented at many local venues, including schools, senior centers, and nursing homes, as well as many town functions and recently at the Eastern States Exposition.

Originally known as the "World War II" Chorus, the group was formed for an intergenerational program between the Agawam High School and the Senior Center in 1997.

A concert featured 33 songs from that era and included chorus students from AHS, Agawam Junior High, and Agawam Middle School, as well as the newly formed Senior group.

On Flag Day of this year, the chorus presented a concert of "Songs of the Flag" at the Senior Center.

Over the several year period including a number of smaller programs, a total of some 300 songs have been sung by the group and the "Encore Cabaret" will present in repeat performance, several songs from each of the former major productions along with other numbers that were well received by the group's audiences.

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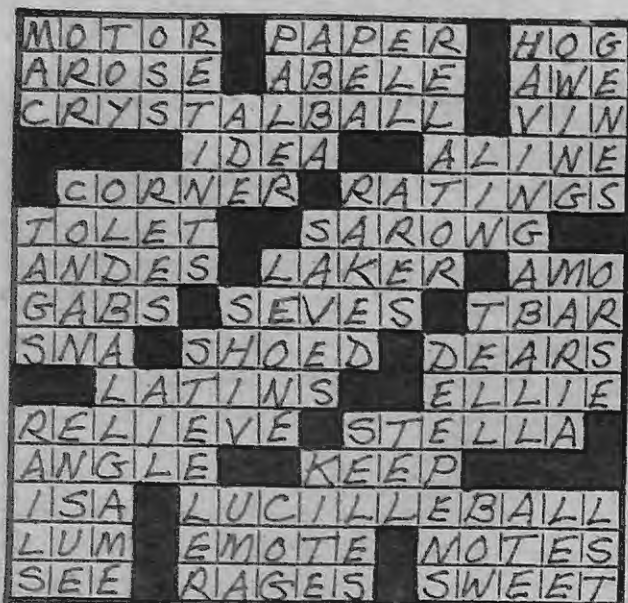
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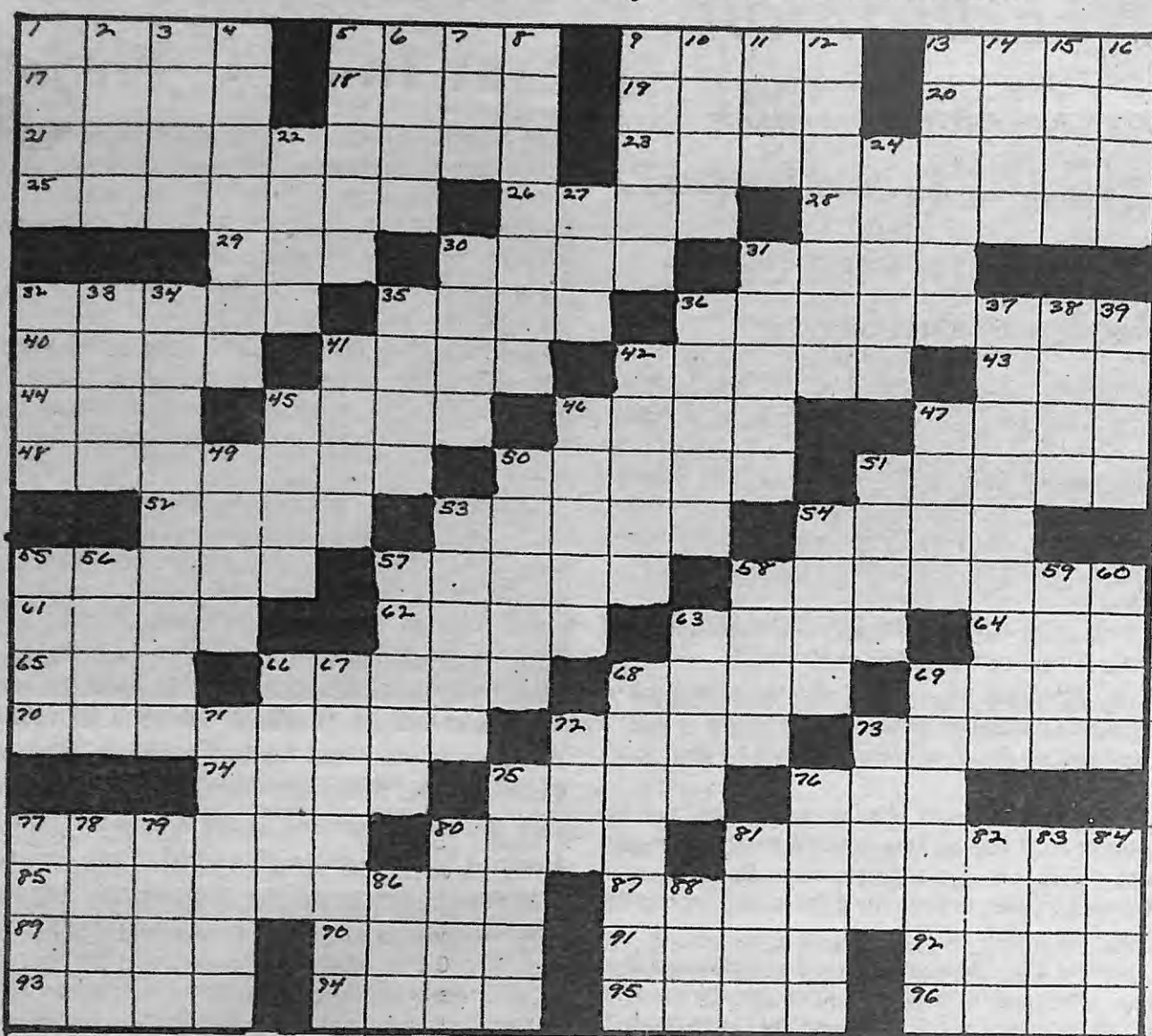
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 20 Opera commissioned by a khedive  
 21 Ex-Premier of Israel  
 23 "Dead End Kids" leader  
 25 Bent from age  
 26 Peruvian monetary units  
 28 Ear shells  
 29 Lassie's M.D.  
 30 Tiger's cry  
 31 Alberta, Canada tribe  
 32 "Star Wars" weapon  
 35 Bison's growth  
 36 Took heed of  
 40 General Bradley  
 41 High church tribunal  
 42 Made unreadable  
 43 Macaw  
 44 Moving vehicle  
 45 Klutz's comment  
 46 Storm  
 47 Satan's specialty  
 48 Give one's approval  
 50 Made cakes  
 51 Andes to S. America

## DOWN

- 52 Rankle  
 53 Swain  
 54 Moved with haste  
 55 Norman V.  
 57 Prepared apples  
 58 Pittsburgh footballer  
 61 Jeanette's frequent partner  
 62 Bird with a crazy cry  
 63 Bird feeder tidbit  
 64 Guido's high note  
 65 Reason for overtime  
 66 Dog paddles  
 68 Witty saying  
 69 Season  
 70 Macerates  
 72 Abrupt in speech  
 73 Cellar bottles  
 74 Captain's \_ (hearing)  
 75 Graf \_ (naval raider)  
 76 Actor Linden  
 77 Accompany  
 80 And others (Latin)  
 81 Certain dances  
 85 "Pogo" creator  
 87 Pudge Fisk's favorite pitcher  
 89 Nobelist Wiesel  
 90 Track  
 91 Major ender  
 92 Sicilian walled city  
 93 Agents for short  
 94 Facial feature  
 95 Scout action  
 96 Civil disturbance

## Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



## DOWN

- 1 They "gum up the works"  
 2 Thanks \_  
 3 Farm storage unit  
 4 Over \_ (repetitive)  
 5 Space traveler  
 6 Not up  
 7 Me to Miss Piggy  
 8 Characters of a drama  
 9 \_ of the ball  
 10 Followers (suffix)  
 11 Me \_ (also)  
 12 Devour greedily  
 13 Tiller of the soil  
 14 Nits  
 15 Polish border river  
 16 \_ and means

- 22 Copy-cat  
 24 Mountain nymph  
 27 Lode contents  
 30 Waller of music  
 31 Gave in  
 32 " \_ and marriage"  
 33 " \_ For All Seasons"  
 34 She could have been Ruby's sister  
 35 Sulk  
 36 Maris of baseball  
 37 "River Kwai" director  
 38 Actress Moran  
 39 Roy Rogers' lady  
 41 \_ of Tralee  
 42 Turned hard  
 45 Shield border  
 46 Crow relative

- 47 Dueler's sword  
 49 Like canned anchovies  
 50 Two-time U.S. Open champ  
 51 Cast off (dial.)  
 53 Weaving machines  
 54 Rung  
 55 House animals  
 56 Use of blue pencil  
 57 Eastwood of "Rawhide"  
 58 Three-piece item  
 59 Female (Fr.)  
 60 Ship deserters  
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 66 Plug output  
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 77 Eared pitcher  
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# Education

## Class of 2001

### Has "Electrifying" Experience

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

The yearbook for each graduating class represents *much, much more* than the sum of its parts. The enormity of conceiving themes and photographing candid, cameos, sports highlights, and studio photos, to say nothing about layout, proofreading, and editing, can only be imagined by someone who has been yearbook advisor at Agawam High School for 31 years.

That would be David Pulaski, who jests that he is "still crazy enough to do this stuff."

His skills have been honed after three decades, a fact which dovetailed nicely with the Class of 2001's determination to do something special for their yearbook.

Every year there is a huge group shot, but the Class of 2001 had no idea how electrifying their concept would be. Co-editors Jenna Bodurtha and Joanna Surowiec brainstormed the idea of having the class form a star.

Joanna told *The AAN*, "We are incredibly excited about this yearbook. Every time we think we've topped ourselves, it just keeps getting better and better."

Jenna added, "Our goal this year is to do something really different and unique; to go out with style and make our yearbook unforgettable."

Mike Piccin and the staff of Agawam's Department of Public Works (grounds crew) lined the football field for the star shape, using poles and ropes.

Pulaski, after figuring that the width of the "student star" would be about 24 feet, knew that he and his camera would have to be 75 feet or more above the configuration for it to fit into a photograph.

A helicopter or an airplane had drawbacks and Pulaski knew that it would be impossible to encompass the shot from the football field's pressbox.

Jen Pietroniro, on the advertising staff of the 2001 *Sachem*, asked her father, Vincent, a firefighter for the Agawam Fire Department, about a ladder truck and learned that Agawam does not have one capable of the needed height.

The West Springfield Fire Department has a snorkel truck and Jenna Bodurtha's mother had a connection there, so West Springfield firefighter Kevin Keeley went up in the "cherry picker" with Pulaski, the Class of 2001 took their places on the football field, and suddenly commenced a strange static storm.

Lauren Kida, associate editor of the yearbook, described it as "static. Our hair was standing on end and we all looked up. It started to rain just as the photo was being taken and it stopped right after. Everyone's hair was on end. Pulaski was so electrified, we could see it from the ground!"

The strange static electricity, without lightning, made the evening news on local television. Due to weird cloud formations, with a huge difference in the air on top of the clouds from the air underneath, this strange electrical static actually caused the hair on everyone's head to stand on end.

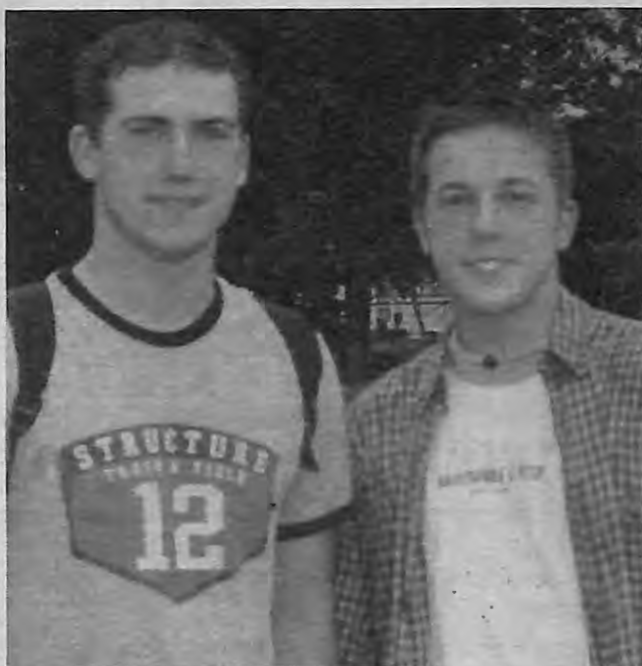
Pulaski even had still one more scare when the basket would not descend for a few frightening moments and he thought they would be stranded 75 feet up in the air!

This entire harrowing experience promises a real charge when the 2001 *Sachem* becomes available.

The actual photo of the star will be scarce until the yearbook is distributed, but everyone who was present that day will remember those weird clouds and that strange static that made everyone's hair stand on end, especially when they view the photo in the 2001 yearbook!



"EVERYONE IS A STAR" WAS THE THEME of an afternoon picture-shoot held in the Harmon Smith Field football stadium sponsored by the Agawam High Yearbook staff for the Class of 2001. From left - Adriene Majors, Lauren Deluca, Sarah Lottermoser (yearbook staff), Lisa Bienia (yearbook staff) Keegan Clark (yearbook staff), Ellen Nasiatka, Erika Dowd, Jessica Circosta-Aspinall, and Melinda Russo. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



AGAWAM HIGH SENIORS Phil Sampson and Mike DiDonato participated in a photo shoot sponsored by the Agawam High Yearbook staff at Harmon Smith Field. IN RIGHT PHOTO: AHS Yearbook Advisor David Pulaski (right) is about to be taken high above Harmon Smith Field with the assistance of a ladder truck provided by the West Springfield Fire Dept. West Side firefighter Kevin Keeley assisted Pulaski. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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*Watson Chosen For Who's Who...*

## Tammy Watson And Her Band Play On And On And On...

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

Agawam High School's Band Director Tammy Watson has been chosen for Who's Who Among America's Teachers for the year 2000-2001. Nominated by drum major Danielle Sienkiewicz, Watson expects the publication to be available in December of this year.

"Probably the highpoint this year for the band was the Springfield Columbus Day Parade, where we took first place out of 22 bands.

"Our featured twirlers, Janine Davignon and Ellen Nashaitka, also were awarded a first place trophy. Our field show on October 21st in Southington, CT resulted in a Silver Medal for our rendition of Burton's 'Nightmare Before Christmas,' (see photo) Mrs. Watson told us.

Danielle, a senior, plans to major in music therapy but has not decided which school she'll attend. She plays flute, percussion, and oboe in the band. Miss Watson was thrilled and honored by the distinction while maintaining her focus on her students and the upcoming performances.

This past Friday, October 27th, Miss Watson, band members, and parents were occupied preparing for their Pumpkin Night, a fundraiser for their annual spring trip.

With every imaginable design carved into some 60 to 70 pumpkins, candles were lit inside the jack-o'-lanterns and sold along with miscellaneous donated goods. There was a haunted maze, face painting,



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING MOHAWKS in their full regalia at Harmon Smith Field.** Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

movies, coloring and painting and a scavenger hunt for the children. Receipts for the fundraiser totalled just over \$1,000.

This year the band has performed at five home football games on Friday evenings and five competitions.

Everyone was moved by their exceptional performance at the closing ceremonies for the Italian Sister City during Six Days of Reggio. "We performed Tim Burton's 'Nightmare Before Christmas,' 'Carol of the Bells,' and Bach's 'Tocata and Fugue in D minor.'" Last spring the band went to Key West, Florida and received superior ratings in six categories. Miss Watson said, "This year, we hope to go to the All-American Music Festival in Orlando, Florida in May 2001. We do fundraising throughout the year. There

will be a bottle and can fundraiser on November 11th at the one-stop Redemption Center next to DeCaro Nursery and Stop and Shop on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

In addition to Danielle, the other drum majors include Michael Federico, Jackie Le Grand, and Danielle Welner. Melinda Russo serves as Color Guard captain.

In addition to Miss Watson, the other instructors are Jaime Callahan and Jennifer Rondinelli (Color Guard instructors) and Chris Bachelder and Nathan Meade (percussion instructors).

The Winter Concert, featuring the band and the chorus, is scheduled for December 13th, at Agawam High School at 7:00 p.m. Donations will be used toward the spring trip.

## Junior High To Hold Fall Parents' Night On Thursday, November 30th

The Agawam Junior High School will conduct its annual Fall Parents' Night on Thursday evening, November 30th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Parents should note the change in date; this event was originally scheduled for November 15th.)

All parents of seventh- and eighth-grade students are welcome to attend the annual conference night,

which features brief meetings with teachers and staff members. Classroom secretaries will schedule five-minute appointments with individual teachers that evening.

The Fall Parents' Night is an excellent opportunity for parents to visit the school where they may review their child's academic progress.

*If you have dropped off any photos to our office for Boy Scout activities, church events, etc., please pick them up after they appear in The AAN...*

## Agawam Library To Host Puppet Show At Phelps School

To celebrate Children's Book Week, the Agawam Library is sponsoring the puppet show, "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" on Saturday, November 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the Benjamin Phelps School auditorium.

The PUPPET PEOPLE will perform their comic rendition of Washington Irving's haunting tale, featuring marionettes, life-sized puppets, special effects, and music.

To reserve tickets for the show for Agawam and Feeding Hills children AGED 5 AND UP, call the public library at 789-1550.



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**College Representatives:** If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office. Please pick up your pass the day of the conference.

**Nov. 6th:** Regis College, 12:00 noon; **Nov. 8th:** Hofstra University, 8:45 a.m.; Springfield College, 12:15 p.m.; **Nov. 9th:** Bentley College, 8:00 a.m.; Temple University, 12:15 p.m.; Notre Dame (NH), 1:00 p.m.; **Nov. 13th:** Worcester Polytech, 8:30 a.m.; Nichols College, 9:00 a.m.; **Nov. 14th:** Mount St. Mary, 9:30 a.m.

**Scholarships:** See your counselor for more information or an application.

**The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund:** High school seniors entering college and returning college students attending accredited colleges are eligible to apply for this scholarship. The award is based on academic excellence, citizenship, character, and serious-mindedness and financial need. In most cases, the scholarship award ranges from \$2,000 to \$10,000 yearly. **Deadline:** May 1, 2001.

The following colleges are offering merit scholarships to qualified students who enroll at that institution: **Truman State University, University of Maine at Farmington, Swarthmore College, Clark University.**

**Open Houses:** The following colleges are hosting Open Houses for prospective students and parents:

**Fisher College:** Sunday, November 19th

**Clark University:** Saturday, November 11th

**Bay Path College:** Open House for Students of Color, Wednesday, Nov. 15th

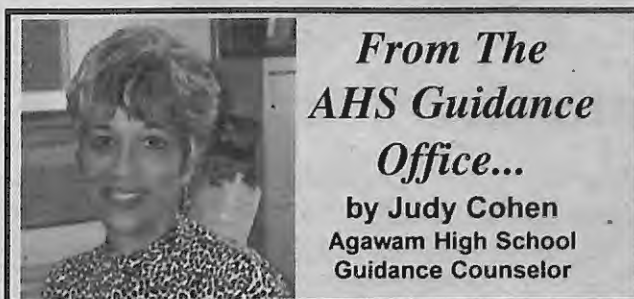
**Hobart and William Smith Colleges:** Saturday, November 11th

**Sarah Lawrence College:** Friday, November 10th

**Springfield College Athletic Training Career Day:** Sunday, November 19th

**Daniel Webster College:** Saturday, Nov. 18th

**Hofstra University:** Sunday, November 5th



### Stop, Look, And Listen...

I still can hear my mother admonishing me to stop, look, and listen before I crossed the street. What good advice, but it's also good to consider these three words when you actually do anything.

How many times have you strolled through the park, but you really don't look at anything? You see things, sure, but do you really look at them? I went to Forest Park during peak leaf time and this time brought my camera with me. What a difference it made! I really looked at the surroundings - at the bridges, ducks, children playing, fountains, and magnificent foliage.

As a matter of fact, I truly studied them since I wanted to capture great views on film. Each view took on an added significance and shined with beauty. Because I had my camera with me, my stroll through the park was made more memorable ... not only because I had recorded what I had seen on film, but also because I had recorded the sights in my mind. In truth, I had stopped and looked.

That takes me to another word ... stop. How many of us stop during the day to just be ... to let our minds wander, to perhaps take in the beauty around us, smell the fragrance of a flower, stop to see a child playing, stop to watch the snow fall, or just stop to do nothing ... just relax and regroup. I venture to say that not many of us do stop during the day. We are so busy rushing from one thing to the next that we really don't savor what we have here and now.

We don't give ourselves a chance to enjoy the moment. We don't give ourselves time to really work something out before we race on to the next thing. As a matter of fact, often when we are doing something, our minds are already racing, thinking about the next task or tasks we have to do. How unfortunate! How

much is lost! It's sort of like eating a quick lunch rather than sitting down and savoring it. Oftentimes, we can't even remember what we had for lunch since we ate it so quickly and never gave thought to what we were doing.

How many times have our children come in to tell us something, but they catch us as we're immersed in some task? We don't stop, but rather say, "Uh huh" at appropriate times; and when they leave, we are left to wonder what had actually transpired. You see, we never stopped to really listen.

And that takes me to the next word that I wish to discuss ... listen. Each day, our youngsters stand in school as "The Pledge of Allegiance" is recited. But do they really listen as it is spoken? Do they really hear the words? How many would be able to recite the "Pledge" alone? How many truly understand its meaning? Why might they not?

I suggest that the reason they don't comprehend what they are hearing is because they are not really listening; they have heard it said so many times that it has become like rote to them. What they hear are just words; what they do not hear is the meaning of each word.

Let's look at another example. Lucy keeps complaining about the same thing over and over again. Yes, you hear the words, but they have been repeated so often that you really don't stop to listen to them. Yes, it is important to really listen, to really hear what is being said, to really comprehend the meanings behind the words. In that way, you will be able to appropriately respond to what is being said.

Just think if all of us did stop, look, and listen ... what a different world it would be. We would be so enriched by what we have stopped to see; we would be so much more in tune with our surroundings and the people with whom we have come in contact.

By being aware of these three words - stop, look, and listen - and incorporating them into their daily lives, our children, too, would enhance their learning. They would comprehend better, not become so overwhelmed, and truly be able to embrace their years at school. Indeed, they would grow socially and academically, finding that they would more easily be able to fulfill their potential.

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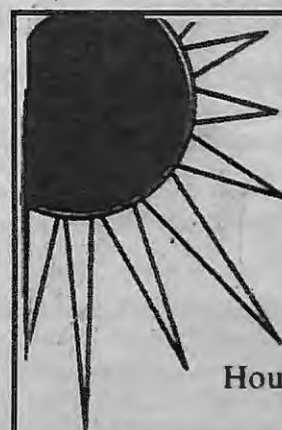
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## Agawam High School's Calendar Of Events For The Month Of November

### Fundraisers For November:

- \* Band/Color Guard Florida Citrus Fundraiser
- \* Senior Class Supermarket Voucher Fundraiser
- \* S.A.V.E. Environmental Tee Shirts etc.

### Monthly Events:

\* Philosophy Club led by Mr. Bianca to begin monthly meetings - Date TBA.

\* Model Congress guided by Mr. LeGrande and Mrs. Perkins - preparing bills/practicing for future contests - Date TBA.

**November 3rd-4th:** MATH CLUB TO NCTM EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE working as student hosts.

**November 4th:** SAT I TEST sponsored by the Guidance Department, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; MADD RED RIBBON RALLY at Holyoke Mall, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**November 4th-10th:** NATIONAL FRENCH WEEK - French classes.

**November 6th:** MOCK PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION sponsored by the Social Studies Department, AHS rotunda, periods 1-7.

**November 7th:** BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the senior class, 6:50-7:15 a.m.; NATIONAL THEATER PROGRAM "Great Scientists" (entire day) sponsored by the Visual and Performing Arts Department; FAMILY RESOURCE GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, period 4, center office conference room; ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE sponsored by the Field Hockey Booster Club 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; CULINARY ARTS CLUB meeting room 6; MATH TEAM competing at Deerfield Academy - leaving AHS at 3:30 p.m.

**November 8th:** BLOOD DRIVE, AHS gymnasium, sponsored by the Future Teachers' Club; TOBACCO EDUCATION WORKSHOP at the Peer Leadership meeting; BRING THE MIND HOME meditation group, room 38, 1:50-2:35 p.m.

**November 9th:** BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the sophomore class, 6:50-7:15 a.m.; S.A.V.E. TO THE MSPCA, 2:30 p.m.; SENIOR CLASS "KID PARTY", 7:00-10:00 p.m., AHS cafeteria, Tickets: \$5.00 each; END OF FIRST MARKING TERM.

**November 10th:** VETERANS' DAY.

**November 12th:** AHS CHEERLEADERS to perform at Longmeadow High School, 11:00 a.m.

**November 13th:** WINTER SPORTS PHYSICALS, nurse's office, 8:00-10:30 a.m.; RENAISSANCE PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS for October distributed.

**November 14th:** BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the senior class, 6:50-7:15 a.m.; FAMILY RESOURCE GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, period 6, center office conference room; CULINARY ARTS CLUB meeting, room 6.

**November 15th:** WOMEN'S ISSUES discussion group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, period 7, center office conference room; WINTER SPORTS PHYSICALS, nurse's office, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; WORKSHOP: SELF-IMAGE at the Peer Leadership meeting; SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING- 2:00 p.m., principal's conference room; INTERGENERATIONAL POETRY GROUP meeting, room 38, 1:50-2:35 p.m.; SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL meeting, teachers' cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.; MR. AGAWAM CONTEST - AHS auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

sponsored by the Junior Class.

**November 16th:** BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the sophomore class, 6:50-7:15 p.m.; GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE-OUT sponsored by Peer Leadership; FALL ATHLETIC RECOGNITION NIGHT - main gym/cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.

**November 17th:** REPORT CARDS ISSUED.

**November 18th:** ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM to Pittsfield High School for the regional USAD meet; SENIOR DISTRICT AUDITIONS at Westfield State College - Visual and Performing Arts Department.

**November 19th:** STATE CHEERLEADING TOURNAMENT at Franklin High School, Franklin, MA.

**November 20th:** AHS PARENTS NIGHT 7:00 p.m.; MATH CLUB BAKE SALE at Parents Night.

**November 21st:** BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the senior class, 6:50-7:15 a.m.; FAMILY RESOURCE GROUP meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, period 2, center office conference room; ORANGE AND BROWN DAY - period 7 rally; JUNIOR-SENIOR POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL GAME, 2:00 p.m. \$1.00 players, \$2.00 in advance, \$3.00 at the door, FREE for under age 5; PIZZA PARTY for AHS football team, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.; BONFIRE at AHS Athletic Field, 6:00 p.m.

**November 22nd-24th:** THANKSGIVING RECESS.

**November 23rd:** THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL GAME, AGAWAM VS. WEST SPRINGFIELD, 10:00 a.m., AWAY.

**November 28th:** BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the senior class, 6:50-7:15 a.m.; FAMILY RESOURCE GROUP MEETING sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, period 3, center office conference room; MATH TEAM meeting, room 72, preparation for the December meet; CULINARY ARTS CLUB meeting, room 6.

**November 29th:** HEPATITIS B (2nd IMMUNIZATION FOR AHS SENIORS), nurse's office, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.; WOMEN'S ISSUES discussion group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, period 7, center office conference room; WORKSHOP: ASSERTIVENESS at the Peer Leadership meeting; INTERGENERATIONAL POETRY GROUP, room 38, 1:50-2:35 p.m.

**November 30th:** BREAKFAST AT AHS sponsored by the sophomore class, 6:50-7:15 a.m.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, November 6th:** Cheese-topped pizza wedge, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit medley, milk.

**Tuesday, November 7th:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets, sweet and sour sauce, steamed rice, diced carrots, bread and butter, fresh Mac apple or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

**Wednesday, November 8th:** Shepherd's pie with mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables, bread and butter, school-baked chocolate chip cookie or fruit cup, milk.

**Thursday, November 9th:** Tuna salad sandwich in roll, oven potato rounds, tossed garden salad with creamy Italian dressing, fruit cup or ice cream sundae cup, milk.

**Friday, November 10th:** No school (Veterans' Day).

## Annual Craft Fair To Be Held At St. Thomas

The annual Craft Fair sponsored by the Agawam Lioness at St. Thomas School will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. The school is located on Route 20 in West Springfield (across the street from Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home).

Featured items will include area crafters whose wares include pressed flower poem frames, sand art for children, dried floral, flags, afghans, baby items, candles, gem stone jewelry, birthstone angels, gift baskets, handmade dolls, old coin banks, honey and beehive products, handmade soaps, and creams.

The Craft Fair will also feature a raffle, bake sale, and a special visit from Santa. Come and browse this unique Craft Fair and help the Agawam Lioness continue with the tradition of the St. Thomas Craft Fair.

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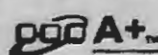


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**BOY SCOUT TROOP 82 MEMBERS** who participated in *Source to Sea Cleanup 2000*, a one-day community clean-up of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, included (from left) Joshua Miranda, Richard Rozanski, Steven Iacolo, Katelyn Iacolo, Danny Smith, and Michael DeChristopher.



**SEEN AT THE OCTOBER 18TH TIGER CUB Pack Meeting** with some of their family members are Scott Smith, Gregory Lemieux, Alexander Danos, Tyler Gaudette, Christopher Goralczyk, Stephen Hebert, Gregg Connaughton, John Pietroniro, Ryan Jaskulski, Steven Skoglund, and Ben Rodriquez.

## Pack 75 Tiger Cubs Earn Awards

Eleven Tiger Cubs from Pack 75 received their awards recently at a Pack meeting.

Once they learned the Tiger Cub Promise and the Motto, they were presented with the Leather Tiger Cub Paw that they wear on the belt, and the beads they earn go on the paw.

Nine Tiger Cubs each earned iron-on Paw Patches Number 1-2-3-12 for activities done in the Den and four orange beads for the activities done, and one white bead for each five family activities.

One Tiger Cub earned Paw No. 2 and 12, two orange beads. One Tiger Cub earned Paw Number 12 and one orange bead. Both boys are new to the group.

At the end of the awards assembly, they all sang the Tiger Cub Spirit Song. They meet Thursday evenings at Sacred Heart Parish Center. For information on joining, call 786-2309.

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Also earning Bobcat were Jacob Baskins, a second-grader (he will now be working towards the Wolf Rank); Jonathan Fondakowski, a first-year Webelo; Josh Grimaldi, a first-year Webelo.

Whenever a boy joins scouting, no matter what grade (from second up), they have to earn the Bobcat Badge first.

Congratulations Cub Scouts. Gregory Lemieux earned a Recruiter Patch for recruiting John Pietroniro.

Russ Riley-Parent received a certificate for getting all the camping equipment and bringing it to the camping events all the time.

## Troop 82 Takes Part In Clean-Up Of CT River

Recently, volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 82 participated in the Connecticut River *Source to Sea Cleanup 2000*, a one-day community cleanup of the Connecticut River and its tributaries.

On Saturday, October 7, 2000, the mega-event, organized by the Connecticut River Watershed Council (CRWC) and Massachusetts Community Water Watch (MACWW), involved the cooperation of hundreds of volunteers working on different sections of the Connecticut River along its entire length - from the source at the Canadian border to the sea at Long Island Sound.

Locally, the boys from Troop 82 (and their family members) worked at Pynchon Point (located on River Road near the Springfield Yacht Club), clearing and cleaning tires and other car parts, bottles, cans, and discarded rubbish from the river. The debris that was collected was picked up by the Agawam Department of Public Works.

The boys worked hard and learned a lot about proper disposal of trash, developed a healthy respect for our Earth, and discovered it is best to keep sealed containers sealed. They also had a lot of fun.

We would like to take a moment to thank the local businesses who sponsored us in our clean-up efforts, including Geissler's Supermarket for the cups, drink mixes, and cookies; Rockey's for the trash bags; the Springfield Yacht Club, for the use of their grounds for parking and access to the river; and Luigi's Pizza 'N Pasta, for serving us a great lunch of pizza, salad, and beverages. The boys appreciate the generosity of these businesses.

To sign-up for the Connecticut River *Source to Sea Cleanup* next year, contact Peg McDermough at the Watershed Council at (413) 529-9500 MIA.

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## Troop 78 Scouts Participate In "Adopt A Highway"

Troop 78 from the Springfield Turnverein is a proud participant in the Massachusetts Adopt-a-Highway program. Troop 78 participates in the Adopt-a-Highway program as part of a national effort to keep America's highways looking clean. The stretch of highway that Troop 78 takes care of is Route 159 located on Main Street, starting at the Agawam Middle School for about two miles to just past Saint John's Church.

On Saturday, October 14th, the weather was great, and so was the turnout. Troop 78 scouts and a team of volunteers started at 8:30 armed with picks up sticks, gloves, and wearing orange vests. The scouts started cleaning on both sides of the road, picking up a lot of bags of trash, along with various car parts, bottles, and cans along the route, finishing up around 10:30.

We would like to give special thanks to James Ricco, owner of "J R Sweeping Service" of Agawam, who graciously volunteered his goods and services. Mr. Ricco swept the route with the scouts to keep our part of the highway clean. It's great to have people like Mr. Ricco in our community. Thanks, Jim!

Adopt-a-Highway is a public service program that utilizes volunteer teams to pick up litter along our roadways. In recognition of the volunteer efforts, Mass. Highway installs signs recognizing the adopting group for their contribution toward keeping Massachusetts clean. The Troop 78 signs are located in front of the Middle School and by Saint John's Church. The program kicks off each year in conjunction with Earth Day activities and continues through mid-November. **Please, as you travel, remember, it may be Boy Scouts cleaning up the highway you're on. Please, DO NOT LITTER!**

This is one of the Troop's community service projects and scouts can earn "Service Project Hours" needed for their advancements. Troop 78 is one of the most active troops in the Agawam/Feeding Hills area. Meetings are every Tuesday at the Springfield Turnverein from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## "Tough Love" Program Offered For Parents

You are invited to "Tough Love," a self-help program for parents troubled by their kid's behavior to be presented on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Atonement, 36 Court St., Westfield.

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ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, Troop 78 from the Springfield Turnverein participated in the Massachusetts Adopt-A-Highway program as one of the troop's service projects to earn hours needed for their advancement. James Ricco of JR Sweeping Service of Agawam (photo below) volunteered his goods and services to the Troop.



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# Sports

0-0 Tie Ends Field Hockey Season...

## AHS Field Hockey Engages West Side In Scoreless Duel

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

It was "Senior Night" complete with flowers, tears, and memories.

It's the final game of the year, and the home folks are there. Now, no one wants to go out on a losing note, especially on "Senior Night."

And by golly, the Agawam High field hockey team didn't lose; they tied arch-foe West Springfield, 0-0, last Thursday evening (October 26th).

It was arguably Agawam's best defensive effort of the season and brought its final record to 2-9-5, 1-6-5. Playoff-bound West Side finished at 11-2-3, 7-2-3, so this certainly can be considered an upset for AHS of sorts.

The Brownies opened up with a left-wing attack, led by Jen Pietroniro, Sara Gregory, and Erin Jackson. However, the Terriers, who had two hard-hitting boys on their squad, Darren Longo and C.J. Santaniello (and beat the Brownies two weeks earlier, 3-0), came right back.

And when they did, their shooters began a barrage on the Brownies' goal that would last all game long.

Keeper Alyssa Goodrow would have 20 saves. "Yeah, and that's not counting the balls my defense blocked before they ever got to me," the junior smiled.

That defense was led by a host of players, including Nicole Dominick, Laurie Halpy, Jenn Bishop, a hustling Corinne Butova, and Krista Wheeler.

While the Brownie defense was going about their business, the offense managed to come up with two prime opportunities. With 6:10 gone, Pietroniro got off a shot from the right point that was deflected away on a pad save by West Side keeper Nicole Apostle. She made another good one 30 seconds later on an Agawam effort from the right corner.

At that point, the Brownies were playing better at midfield. But they got a scare with 9:50 to go. Santaniello was awarded a free shot on the left side. He whacked a wormburner that was dead on target. Butova was right there to make the block.

Two minutes later, after more midfield play, Kara Dominick blocked another hard Terriers' shot. With 7:12 to go, Longo drove a hard one from 40 feet out on the left off a corner feed. Goodrow was all over it for the save.

With time running out, Agawam managed to get the ball into the West Side zone. But the Terriers' defense wouldn't let the Brownies' shooters set up for anything meaningful.

West Side had one more good chance with a minute left. But Goodrow robbed them with another pad save and it was 0-0 at the half.

Agawam had three first-half shots on goal. West

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AGAWAM HIGH FIELD HOCKEY SENIORS on "Senior Night" gathered for a group picture with their parents prior to an outstanding 0-0 deadlock versus tournament-bound West Springfield in the final game of the season at Harmon Smith Field. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR FIELD HOCKEY PLAYER Danielle Bachini on "Senior Night" with her proud parents, Paul and Deborah Bachini, at Harmon Smith Field. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Springfield got off nine.

West Side started off the second 30 minutes with some big-time pressure. Goodrow made another good pad save with just under three minutes off the clock. Jackson made a nice clear on a Terriers' corner with 4:40 gone. A minute later, Santaniello had a free shot from the right point, which was stopped short of the Brownies' goal by Butova, who would play well all evening.

## Brownie Defense Continues To Step Up...

The Brownies' defense continued to step up as the West Side attack continued for the first 10 minutes of the second half. Finally, with 19:30 to play, Danielle Bachini and Bishop managed to clear the ball out of the Brownies' zone. But not for long - West Side drove it back in less than a minute later. It was all visitors until the 14:15 mark when Agawam had another infrequent foray into the Terriers' zone.

Two minutes later, Agawam was back on defense again. They stopped two corner shots and got lucky when a ball skidded across the crease from right to left, but no one was there to take advantage.

Agawam had another chance with 6:50 left when

promising sophomores Sherri Laskowski and Nicole Gutowski led a charge into the West Side zone. The attack didn't last for long and the Brownies suddenly found themselves facing a Santaniello screaming free shot from the left point. Goodrow made the save. Her defense blocked another free shot 90 seconds later.

With 3:55 to go, the faithful, not to mention the team, felt their hearts drop a foot or two as the Terriers seemed to score out of a melee in front. But the officials rules the shot a no goal because of its height.

A bullet dodged, the Brownie defense went back to grimly turning away every West Side effort down the stretch to preserve the hard-won 0-0 tie.

Agawam had two second-half shots on goal for a total of five. West Side had 11 for a game total of 20.

"We were just awesome on defense tonight. I guess because it was our last game and we were playing in front of our home crowd," Goodrow noted, adding that she went diving for balls more than she's done all season because she was determined not to let anything have a chance of getting by her.

"The way they played out there, I wasn't going to let them down without making a total effort on every shot," said Goodrow.

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**AHS FIELD HOCKEY GOALIE Alyssa Goodrow** had a great game in a scoreless deadlock versus West Springfield last week on "Senior Night." Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

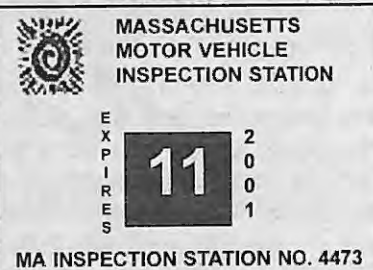
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Season Ends With 2-1 Loss...

## AHS Girls Bested By Knights After Strong Effort Vs Amherst

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' soccer team had a chance to end its season in an upbeat fashion Tuesday afternoon (October 31st) at gray and cold Holyoke High's ??? Roberts Field. Instead, they fell to the Purple Knights, 2-1, ending their season at 1-13-3.

Agawam, which lost 4-0 earlier in the year to the Knights, got on the board first off a rush led by midfielder Jess Newalu with 3:43 gone. Agawam managed to keep the ball in the right side of the Holyoke zone, where defender Desiree Marsili controlled it.

She saw midfielder Jill Gendron at the top of the box and laid a pass on the senior's foot. Gendron took it from 25 yards and beat the Knights' keeper, Alyssa Brassil, to the upper left-hand corner of the goal at the 34:07 mark for her third goal of the season.

Holyoke (7-10-1) came back, but the Brownies' defense - led by junior Amanda Blair, sophomore Danielle Cirillo, and senior Becca Nacewicz - held fast and beat off the attack.

With 8:50 gone, Courtney Adamczyk had a good opportunity from the right point. Her shot on an open right-hand corner just slide a foot by the post. A minute later, Jen Leupo and Adamczyk drove down the right side but couldn't convert. Leupo then hit a right-to-left crossing shot to Becky Crum, who was cutting in from the left point. It was a good idea, but Crum was marked well and couldn't pull the trigger.

Agawam wouldn't give up. Newalu, Gendron, Cirillo, and Adamczyk applied pressure to the right side of the Holyoke box with 16:40 to go as AHS continued to control play.

Finally, the Knights' defense got the ball across midfield and deep into the Brownies' zone. With 14:58 left in the half, they managed their first shot on goal, which senior Laura Bucalo handled easily.

The Agawam defense was playing well, and it wasn't long before the ball was cleared back into the Holyoke zone. Leupo got off a hard shot on the Knights' net, but was robbed on a good save by Brassil. Striker Erinn Gloster, Crum, and Gendron attacked on the right wing with 7:39 on the clock, but they were marked off by some good Holyoke defense.

Holyoke had a good chance for a score at the 6:30 mark. However, the shot (which was hard and right on from the left point) was grabbed by Bucalo.

Agawam had a good chance of its own a couple of minutes later when a high lob headed for the Holyoke goal was tracked down by Crum. She had a potential score, but Brassil just beat her to the ball.

### The Turning Point Of The Game...

There was under a minute to go when Holyoke worked the ball upfield and set up for a shot. They got it off with 30 seconds left and tied things at one at what would later be identified as the turning point in this game. This has been a big-time problem for AHS all season long - allowing a score with 120 seconds or less in the half.

Agawam had five first-half shots on goal. Holyoke came in with three.

Agawam started out the second 40 minutes with a passing attack that got them deep into the Knights' zone. Marsili, junior midfielder Jill Lawson, and Adamczyk led the charge. The Knights' defense (which had stepped up their game) got the ball out and helped the offense start a drive of their own.

It paid off with a score at the 35:47 mark. In a way, the goal should never have happened. The Holyoke shooter, Andrea Lubold, is right-footed. She was allowed to walk in low on the left side of the Agawam box. Kickers have a natural draw or hook to the ball, especially unmarked ones. Her shot simply twisted around Bucalo and bounced in, as she was all by her lonesome.

Holyoke now squarely had the momentum and Agawam (as it has done all season long) was forced to play more defense than they needed to play. They did it well behind Cirillo, Blair, senior Amanda Merola,



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM for the fall 2000 season: back row (from left) - Coach Laura-Wray Ramos, Danielle Cirillo, Laura Pedersen, Jen Leupo, Vicky Taylor, Becky Crum, Jessica Newalu, and Becca Nacewicz; middle row - Kaitlin Sardella, Erinn Gloster, Katelyn Tierney, Desiree Marsili, Amanda Blair, Jenna Shea, and Jill Lawson; front row - Amanda Merola, Courtney Adamczyk, Laura Bucalo, Jill Gendron, and Amy Jensen.** Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Marsili, and others.

Down the stretch, Bucalo made some heads-up saves - coming 40 feet out of her net to block a ball off a rush from the right box and then hand-grabbing a dead-on shot off a semi-break.

The Brownie effort, both offensively and defensively, wasn't helped when Newalu - one of the bright spots on the team this season - went down (a leg) with 14:28 to play.

For the balance of the game, both teams played midfield soccer, with Holyoke content to concentrate on letting its defense frustrate the Brownies by simply booting the ball into the Agawam zone before the forwards could find the ball.

Agawam had three second-half shots for a total of eight. The Knights came in with four and had a game

total of seven.

### "Senior Night"...

On "Senior Night" (Friday, October 27th) at Harmon Smith Field, the eight Brownie seniors - Jill Gendron, Courtney Adamczyk, Amy Jensen, Laura Bucalo, Amanda Merola, Becky Crum, Becca Nacewicz, and Jen Leupo - all started and played nearly the entire game versus highly-ranked Amherst Regional and came away with a stirring 0-0 deadlock.

For most of the locals, this was perhaps their finest hour. The Hurricanes were on cruise control when throttling the locals, 3-0, up in Amherst a few weeks back. But before a good partisan crowd and with the emotions of the night running high from start to finish,

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Football Bows To Chicopee, 34-7...

## Another Long Friday Night In AA Conference For AHS

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

It's out there somewhere, hopefully - that first football win of the new millennium for Agawam High.

They've searched many places in the land of the AA Conference.

But the elusive victory just skitters away into the night, with the Brownies left wondering when it will come.

Their most recent effort came last Friday evening at Szot Park in Chicopee. The Chicopee High Pacers weren't going to cooperate, sending Agawam down to its eighth straight loss - 34-7.

For the first time this year, the Brownies faced the wishbone running attack. "The triple option is a tough offense to defend against, especially if you hardly ever see it," Agawam Coach Tad Desautels noted.

Indeed, the Pacers, passing only three times in this one for 42 yards, rung up 337 yards overland. Maybe that's why they call it the wishbone, because most teams wish they didn't have to deal with it.

Agawam could do nothing with its first possession.

Chicopee, behind the running of upback Tyrone Tatum (20 carries/181/2 TDs) had no such problem. They started at their own 40 after the punt and powered 60 yards on seven plays in 2:36, capping the journey off with an eight-yard TD run.

Agawam, which would end up having as much trouble against the Pacers' defense as it had against the Pacers' offense, sputtered again when it got the ball back, despite big runs of nine, 10, and seven yards by Vitaly Dzhenezherukha (16/98).

Both teams exchanged the ball after that, which saw the visitors with it at the start of the second quarter. They'd driven from their own 40 with 1:30 left in the first quarter to the Chicopee 10 with 11:54 to go in the half.

Next came their lone touchdown. Running back Tony Liquori drifted into the right flat and sophomore quarterback Joe Clark hit him in full stride.

Liquori slipped into the right corner of the Pacers' end zone, finishing off a six-play, 60-yard drive.

Vin Tirone hit the point after and for a brief, shining moment, Agawam had things deadlocked at seven.

Things went south for the Brownies in short order. On its next possession, Chicopee drove 90 yards in eight plays, highlighted by runs of 37 and 29 yards, respectively, by Tim Tontonoz and Tatum.

It all ended in a 16-yard scoring scamper around right end by quarterback Derek Charron. The extra point had the hosts up 14-7 at the 7:20 mark.

Chicopee next struck paydirt with 3:52 left in the half. This one was all Tatum. The junior started things off with a one-yard run. His next effort was slightly longer - 63 yards. Only a touchdown-saving, shoe-string tackle at the Brownies' five by Vitaly kept Tatum from a touchdown. Vitaly's effort actually went for naught. Tatum lugged in the leather from five yards out on the next play to give his club a 20-7 lead.

### Locals Not Out Of It...

Down 20-7 to start the second half, Agawam wasn't out of it by any means. They just needed to catch a couple breaks. What they got was a third quarter which broke their backs.

Chicopee had first dibs on the kickoff and started on its own 35. In a drive that had the Brownies losing ground and more ground, the Pacers ground out 14 plays in 6:57, with Tatum scoring from four yards out.

That Pacer effort was highlight by a 25-yard pass play on a third and 26. They went for it on fourth and one. Agawam helped with an offside, which led to the touchdown.

Now, things began to look mighty glum for the visitors. Down 28-7, they had little choice but to air it out. That wasn't working and the fourth quarter dawned

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the Brownies walked away feeling very good about themselves indeed.

The opening half was all AHS, as Amherst was on its collective heels and backing up from the get-go. The Brownies had a few decent scoring chances, but held a wide territorial advantage when the first 40 minutes were completed.

The Hurricanes, looking for a high Division I tournament seed, came out with a vengeance in the second half and pretty much dominated action for the first 28 minutes. It was at this time when senior goalie

Laura Bucalo and the defense (led on this night by seniors Amanda Merola and Becca Nacewicz) perhaps enjoyed their finest moments of the season. Bucalo was spectacular at times, and thwarted several point-blank bids when being buzzed by the Hurricanes' attack.

However, the final 15 minutes or so saw the momentum swing back to the Brownies. While they did not enjoy the golden opportunities that Amherst had earlier in the half, the locals again held the territorial advantage when Jensen and Gendron regained control of the midfield to lead the upfield surge with strikers Adamczyk and Leupo.

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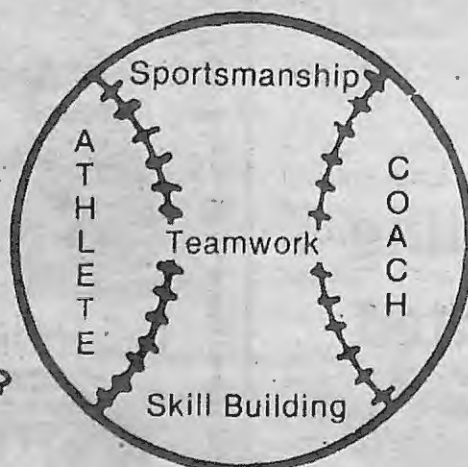
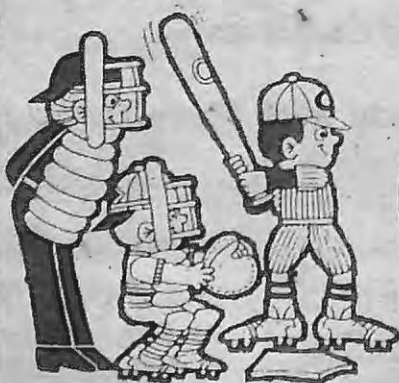
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## Boys' Varsity Soccer...

# Brownies Paste Chicopee Comp To End Season On Positive Note

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

It was another difficult season for Agawam High boys' soccer.

So it was fitting that in their last game up at Chicopee Comp, they wrung that frustration out with a 5-1 win over the Colts.

This one got contentious at the end, when the Comp fans, frustrated in their own right (their team came in at 2-13-2 and had been beaten by the Brownies earlier in the season, 5-2), got on one of the refs. That no-class behavior ended the game with 1:21 to go (not that it would have made any difference).

The Brownies started fast behind Matt Ligenza and John Lynch, and never really took the pedal off the metal. There was 5:52 off the clock when Agawam got on the board. It came off a right corner from John Sikes. He drove the ball to Nick Broska, who dished it off to Sean Devall. And it was 1-0, Brownies.

Agawam, which never really had the luxury during the season of scoring in bunches very much, did just that less than two minutes later. Ligenza (40 feet out on the left point at the 36:56 mark) took a pass from midfielder Eric Serna and drove it by Comp keeper Mark Maciolek to give the Brownies a 2-0 lead.

Comp made an effort, coming back with 11:58 gone. They just missed a shot in the crease. Agawam keeper John DeCaro made a nice save at the 28:35 mark on a shot from 20 feet out, again from the right crease.

After a period of midfield soccer, Comp came in on a nifty give and go and had a breakaway. This shot came from the left crease and had an open left corner calling for it. But the ball went two feet wide to the left.

Comp kept up the pressure and got on the board at 19:15 on a header off a right corner kick.

Down 2-1, the Colts seemed to tie things up at 18:11, when a shot hit the net off a 50-foot shot from the right point. But it was an optical illusion. The ball went by DeCaro's outstretched hands and ended up hitting the right side of the Agawam net.

Since all the stands are on the right side of the field, the ball seemed to go inside of the right post, rather than where it did go - to the outside. That call raised the hackles on the backs of the Comp faithful, who were getting mangier by the moment.

The half ended, 2-1, Brownies. They had six first-half shots on the Comp net. Comp came in with four.

Junior Evan Machos materialized in goal for the Brownies to start the second 40 minutes. Comp came out with renewed vigor and just missed a header on a right throw in with 1:10 gone. The hosts had Agawam backed up a bit on defense with 6:34 off the clock.

But Mike Carmody, Greg Cizek, and Mike Crough marked well enough to throw off the Colts' shooters.

The locals hooted like a bunch of owls on road kill at the 33:10 mark. A big show from 50 feet out on the right point had Machos jumping like his shorts had suddenly caught fire down below. The ball was dipping and headed for the top of the Agawam net and a possible goal.

The junior deflected it over the crossbar. It was a very good effort that the officials ruled had gone over on its own.

## Brownies Defuse A Dangerous Threat...

The eagle-eye home folks said they saw the deflection, thus browbeating the refs into giving Comp a right-corner try with 7:20 to go. They were right and wrong at the same time. Agawam's defense defused what could have been a dangerous threat.

But you had to know the seeds of dissension were growing down on the field (soccer officials don't like their games called from the stands).

After being frustrated on some fine scoring opportunities, Agawam got it right with 23:31 left. Nick Broska battled in on the left crease, shot, and was denied.

However, Mike Ruscio was hovering around the play, waiting for a chance. He got the deflection on his toe and hit the back of the net, giving the Brownies a 3-1 lead. Ruscio got the assist. Agawam, now taking full advantage of a Comp defense that was walking on its heels, scored with 18:41 left to go up, 4-1.

By now, the Comp faithful were ready for the valium. They would need their dose on Agawam's final goal of the game with 1:41 to go. Crough, off a feed from Devall, bored in on Maciolek with a left crease opportunity. Maciolek, like any good keeper, came out to cut down the angle. Crough's shot then hit Maciolek a lick. He went down and stayed prone for a minute or two. Meantime, the ball hit the back of the Comp net.

That was just too much for the frustrated home folks. Feeling betrayed by the officials on what seemed to them to be an illegal hit on their keeper, they sounded off. There is a taunting rule in all high school sports for both the kids and the fans, and they'd gone far beyond it. The game was called short of the end.

Agawam had seven second-half shots for a game total of 13.

Comp came in with four for a total of eight.

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with the Pacers in possession of the ball at the Brownies' 16.

On a third and 12 situation from the 18, Chicopee completed its second pass in three attempts - a 17-yard job to the Agawam one. They scored on the next play. Forget the blown extra point. Chicopee was firmly in the catbird seat now - 34-7 with 9:54 left.

Clark was intercepted twice down the stretch. Chicopee inserted its subs.

"We were hurt by not doing more in the third quarter," Desautels said looking at the sheet, which saw them with the ball for only 1:26. "But we are learning," he added.

Next up for the Brownies - Longmeadow at the Lancers' place this Friday evening. Longmeadow is the defending Suburban League Champion and the Division II Super Bowl Champion. The Lancers (6-1) are coming off a big 38-21 win over Holyoke. They have an added incentive in this one. A win over Agawam (0-8/0-7) and one the next week over Chicopee (5-2/4-2) will give them the right to be the AA League's second Super Bowl representative. So, figure it out. Do huge upsets happen in a tough conference like the AA?

**AGAWAM STATS:** Rushing - Dzhenzherukha (16-98); Liquori (5-11); Clark (5-5); Tedone (2-29). **Passing** - Clark (4-10, 49, TD, 2 INT sacked - 18). **Receiving** - Dzhenzherukha (2-22); Liquori (1-1 10 TD); Conte (1-1, 25). **TOTAL YARDS** - Rushing, 143, Passing, 61 - 192.

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## Profile...

# Defensive End/Fullback Nick Beaudette Always Gives Maximum Effort For Football Brownies

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High football Brownies are having a tough go of it this season. One kid, however, has been quietly playing and playing well, game in and game out - defensive end and fullback Nick Beaudette.

Recently, the veteran senior took some time out to talk about his days at AHS.

Beaudette is 17 years-old with a birthday on March 25th. He stands 5'10" and weighs in at 170 pounds. He has spent all four years of his secondary education at the High School.

Currently, he is taking conceptual physics, cooperative education, English 12, and physical education. Beaudette also works in school for Athletic Director Louis Conte.

His top teacher is physical education instructor and head varsity football Coach Tad Desautels. Right now, Beaudette plans to attend Springfield Technical Community College next fall, then transfer to a four-year school.

Besides football, Beaudette also wrestles for the Brownies. He says football is his favorite sport, where he was an AA Conference all-star on defense last year. With a smile on his face, he remarked, "It's fun to hit people." So far this season, the senior has three sacks to his credit.

His most memorable sports moment was scoring a touchdown earlier this year against Northampton High. He has this take on the Brownies' 0-8 effort so far: "It's been rough for all of us. The AA Conference schedule is the hardest in Western Mass. Our record doesn't reflect the quality of this team."



NICK BEAUDETTE

Beaudette's favorite food is pizza.

Green is his number-one hue.

If he could pull into the AHS parking lot in any car, it would be a Corvette. As a matter of fact, Beaudette says there is one in the lot everyday that would look good around him.

"I can relax and hang out anywhere," he noted.

His choice of clothes runs to casual and preppy. He buys them at Structure.

He likes all types of music, including country.

Anything having to do with sports will interest him when it comes to television. "The Waterboy," starring Adam Sandler, is his favorite flick.

Janet is his mom. Gary Shean is his stepfather. He is the son of the late Robert Beaudette. He has two sisters: Aimee, a sophomore at AHS who plays soccer, basketball, and softball; and Michelle, a sophomore at UMass and a former AHS varsity cheerleader.

Besides many of his friends, the person he looks up to the most is Kirk Parker, the long-time outstanding Agawam High freshman football coach and current varsity wrestling coach.

When his days as a Brownie are done, Beaudette would like to be remembered as a good kid who worked hard and was a complete team player.

Football Coach Tad Desautels has this to say of the senior, who is one of the team captains: "We don't have to worry about Nick. He knows what he has to do on every down. He's a positive kid on the field and in the classroom. He'll play anywhere we ask him to play."



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## Tri-Parish Bowling League...

# St. Louis & Catholic Univ. Are Tied For First As Round One Winds Down

Going into a position night roll-off, St. Louis and Catholic University are in a flat-footed tie with only a 15-pin separation (St. Louis is up). Here's how it happened...

On Monday, October 23rd, St. Louis won over Boston College, 3-1. BC was not at its best, with only Jon "Money" Robarge rolling a 300 series (just barely, at that - 306). On the other hand, St. L came ready and got good bowling from the entire team.

Caroline "Peppy" Coelln, the lead-off bowler, ran strings of 105, 91, and 103 for 299. Maybeth "Miss Consistent" Coughlin hit 87, 92, and 113 for 292. Jim "Jimbo" Lambert rolled 114, 79, and 112 for a 305 (a good night, except ...). Anchor man Glen "Not Sam" Adams was not at his best, but still had a 322 total with strings of 116, 100, and 106. That little team slip in the second string allowed BC its only point.

Catholic University gave away three points to Notre Dame to allow St. Louis to gain the tie in the round. ND got a good team effort, and anchor Paula "Wild Thing" Burke ran off a 330 series with a 129 third string to insure the total pinfall point.

CU was not up to its usual excellence. Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham rolled an impressive 337, but she came in with only a 101 third string and, thus, lost the point and team total. So the pressure is on...

Georgetown moved up to third place by virtue of a 3-1 win over Fordham. It is conceivable that should the top two teams tie, or if one team only wins three points and Georgetown takes four, G'Town would finish half-a-game ahead (stranger things have happened!).

G'Town is facing Notre Dame as its position night opponent. So, in gaining three points to make what happened up to now, G'T got a great team effort from all of its bowlers.

Tom "Thumb" Massotti hit 295 to lead off, then Vi "Speedy" Massoia had a great 320 and Jim "Big Mac" McCormack ran off a 332. All of this fine work helped "Mighty" Debbie Poirier, who was only half-mighty and rolled a 297. It was a good team total and won by over 70 pins.

Fordham couldn't get anything working, and only "Jolly" Olly Muldrew bowled up to par with a 340 series.

Holy Cross beat St. Mary, 3-1, and will get a chance to repeat in the position night match-up. On the other hand, St. Mary will be out for revenge. St. M could only get a 320 series from anchor Rich "Golden" Snyder, and no one else could manage a 300 series.

Ron "The Don" Menard was the whole show for HC with a super 380 series and strings of 143, 124, and 113. "The Don" has really come on lately.

So now it's on to the final matches in round one.

## THE STANDINGS AS OF 10/22/00:

St. Louis	17 - 11
Catholic University	17 - 11
Georgetown	16-1/2 - 11-1/2
Notre Dame	13 - 15
St. Mary	13 - 15
Holy Cross	12-1/2 - 15-1/2
Fordham	12 - 16
Boston College	11 - 17

## - Brownie Notes -

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

### AGAWAM GOLF AT THE STATES

Our hat is doffed to Cathedral's Derek Yvon, who (despite a miserable day of weather) had a bright and sunny round of golf on Monday, October 30th, by winning the Division I State title at the Waverly Oaks Golf Club in Plymouth, MA. The Cathedral junior - who finished with an 80 in Western Mass. the previous week to qualify for the States - was brilliant on a day more fit for football (rain, sleet, snow, a 22-degree wind chill) than golf. He shot a four-over-par 76 to take the title by a stroke over a kid from Algonquin Regional, a school in Northboro, MA. Yvon was there as the lone Panther representative because Agawam beat out Cathedral for the number three and final State tournament team spot at the Western Mass. championship at Crestview Country Club on Monday, October 23rd.

Agawam would finish 10th overall in the team competition with a 342. The Brownie individual scores read like this: senior Andy Green, 84; junior Bill Menard, 86; freshman A.J. Oleksak, 86; senior Kacy Progulske, 86; junior Adam D'Amario, 89; and sophomore Pat Landers, 92. All those scores were out of the top 20.

### AHS GYMNASTICS TEAM WINS AGAIN

There seems to be no stopping the Agawam High gymnastics team. They ran their record to 14-0 with wins over Hampshire and Amherst at Kibbe Gym on Monday evening (October 30th). Sophomore Andrea Babbitt took the top spot on the bars, the beam, the vault, and the floor. She was also the All-Around champion. Senior Liz Clark grabbed a third on the bars.

### BOYS' & GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

The Agawam High boys finished out of the top 10 in their 15-50 loss to Cathedral at Robinson State Park on Monday afternoon. The girls also fell to the Panthers, 19-42. The teams are getting ready now for the PVIACs at Southwick this Saturday (November 4th).

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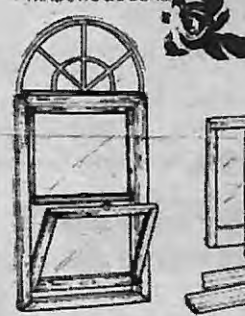


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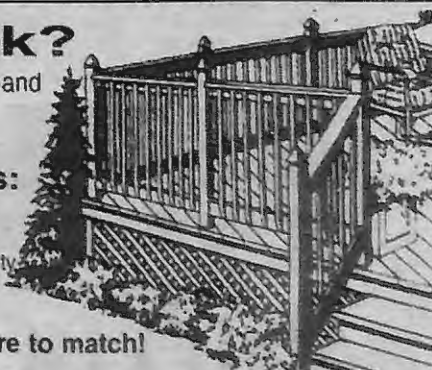
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# Agawam Youth Football - Week Eight

## SENIOR BLUE

The Agawam senior blue Warriors traveled to Westfield on Sunday October 29th, for the season finale. The Warriors got off to a quick start, with QB Andrew Wakelee throwing a 35-yard pass to WB Kurt Scheibel on the Warriors' first drive of the game. The Patriots scored, tying the game in the second quarter, 6-6.

The weather played a factor for the remainder of the half, with hard snow coming down. Both teams were forced to punt, and Agawam was on the move at the end of the half. The Warriors started the second half with an onside kick (which they recovered) at the Patriots' 35-yard line. The Warriors turned the ball over on an interception, which Westfield ran back to the Warriors' one-yard line. Tom DeCosmo chased the ball-carrier down and made a great tackle. It took Westfield four plays to get into the endzone and take the lead.

The Warriors continued to attack, and now trailing the clock was a factor. Agawam went to the air and was moving the ball with short passes. TE Dave Modzanowski and Ryan McLane made key receptions, as did Kyle Perry. The O-line had its hands full, as the Patriot defense was relentlessly blitzing on every play. The Warriors had to keep Mike Toto and Ryan Pellerin in to block.

The Warriors' defense again was solid. With its pursuit of the Patriot runningbacks led by Alex Ellsworth and Eric deleifde (along with DEs Joe McGeoghan and Alex Gohn), the Patriots could only mount small gains on the ground and they to went to the air. The linebackers - led by John Gibbons, Andrew Wakelee, Mike Toto, and Kurt Schiebel - did not allow the Patriots anything to the outside. When Westfield went to the air, Ryan Pellerin, Chris Keeley, Joe McDyer, and Kyle Perry were solid in coverage; however, Westfield was able to hit on two big gains.

The Warriors' special teams (again under Coach McDyer) were outstanding. The Warriors kept up the pressure on Westfield, and the defense never stopped with its pressure. Sean Martin, Mike Theriault, and Anthony Verteramo all played outstanding defense and special teams throughout the game.

The Warriors' offense continued to move the ball against the relentless Patriot blitz plan. The line - DeCosmo, Bailey, Bussiere, Walker, and Johnson - were solid all season and (until Sunday) QB Wakelee had only been sacked once.

The Warriors' coaches would like to wish the best to the eighth-graders and look forward to watching them play for the Brownies next season. They also look forward to a strong team coming back next year led by Anthony Bailey, Joe McDyer, Zack Bussiere, Mike Theriault, Nick Lovotti, Justin Pitoniak, and John Jordan.

The Warriors ended the season with a great record of 6-2. The coaches and players want to thank all of the parents, the AYFL board, Coach Stratton, and all of the countless volunteers who helped make this a great season.

## SENIOR GREEN

Agawam's senior green Warrior team ended in a tie with Westfield on Sunday, October 29th. They ended their season with a 3-4-1 record.

Jordan Buiso was able to score the only touchdown - a quarterback keeper on the five-yard line.

It was a great season for the Warriors. With the support of all the parents, fans, and cheerleaders, the

Warriors were able to have a very enjoyable season.

The coaches and assistant coaches worked hard with the Warriors all season. "It was a great year. I really enjoyed coaching the kids and working with the assistant coaches. Everyone did a fantastic job," says Coach Myers.

Thanks to the parents and the fans for their dedication this season. It wouldn't have been possible without you. Also, thanks to the cheerleaders for all of their hard work and support!

## JUNIOR BLUE

The Agawam junior blue Warriors played their final game of the season on Sunday, October 29th, at Westfield and came away with a victory. "Our team played very hard," said Coach Pezzimenti.

Agawam's first touchdown came in the first quarter when Dom Moccia (behind some fantastic blocking from the offensive line) ran 35 yards off the left tackle into the endzone. Agawam failed to score the extra point. Westfield made a T.D. in the second quarter, but didn't score the extra point. At halftime, the score was even at 6-6.

In the second half of the game, Agawam came out fired up. On the very first play of the third quarter, Dom Moccia once again ran off the left tackle and went into the endzone, resulting in a 60-yard touchdown run. Again, Agawam was unable to make the extra point. They had the lead with a score of 12-6. There was no more scoring in the third quarter.

During the fourth quarter, Agawam moved the ball down to the one-yard line, but couldn't capitalize on the opportunity. Westfield took over on its own one-yard line, but on the very next play, they fumbled the ball in the endzone and it was recovered by Agawam's Vince Waite (the defensive tackle for the Warriors), which resulted in a touchdown for Agawam. Joel Bailey, the Warriors' quarterback, kept the ball on the keeper and scored the extra two points, putting Agawam up, 20-6. Westfield scored again late in the fourth quarter, but again failed to make the extra point.

Agawam won their season finale with a score of 20-16.

The Agawam Warriors' offensive and defensive lines dominated the second half of the game. The offensive line consisted of center Adam Plante, guards John LaCroix and Josh Barrows, tackles Nick Roberts and Mark Jeserski, and tight ends John Rossi and Keith Gendreau. Comprising the defensive line were nose guard Phil Mokrzycki, tackles Vince Waite and David DePalo, and defensive ends Tom Barker

and Dom Moccia, with Mike Yo and Nathan Lovotti also playing the line. The linebackers were Charles Barbarisi, Chris Cross, Blake Dutilly, Dustin Petrucci, Kevin Yo, Keith Wellington, and Rob McTaggart. At the monster back position was John Dominick, supported by safety Geoff Trexler and Jim Ricco.

Coach Pezzimenti said that every one of these kids went on the field, played great, and did an excellent job. It was snowing pretty well during the game, and these kids went out on the field and played football. Everyone that was at the game was treated to a very exciting football game.

The coaches of the Agawam Warriors - Tony Pezzimenti, Ron Waite, Ralph Dominick, and Jeff Bailey - are very proud of their team.

Coach Pezzimenti said the kids went out there on the field, played their last game of the season in the snow, had a lot of fun, and came away with a big win. It doesn't get any better than that!

## JUNIOR GREEN

On Sunday, October 29th, in the wind-driven snow (reminiscent of Chicago's Soldier Field), the Agawam Warriors' junior green team was victorious over the Westfield Colonials, 8-6.

Despite a slippery, sloppy field, the Warrior offensive line - led by Patrick McKeever, Anthony Stork, Scott Luginbuhl, Phillip Scoville, Frank Liberti, Corey Brennan, and James Devoe - did an excellent job, thus enabling the Warriors to rush for 89 yards and make four pass completions for 42 yards.

On the Warriors' opening drive, Colin Hensel dazzled his opponents and spectators alike with a 40-yard, six-tackle breaking run. On the very next play, Jake Ferretti thundered past Westfield on an eight-yard rushing touchdown. Rashad Wright rushed and converted two extra points.

Colin Hensel had an excellent day rushing for 63 yards; Nick Sliech did an outstanding job blocking and rushed for 15 yards; and Rashad Wright rushed for five yards and made one fumble recovery before leaving the game due to an elbow injury. Quarterback Brendan McNeish had a fine day, completing four passes for 42 yards and rushing for three yards. Jake Ferretti caught three passes for 37 yards, and Anthony Stork caught one key pass for a five-yard gain.

The Warrior defense was punishing by holding Westfield to two first downs and only one touchdown.

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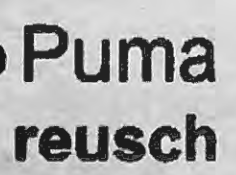
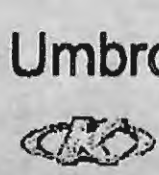
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Defensive ends Joshua Ayotte, Matthew Gushue, and Paul Vermette shut down the outside run game. Defensive captains Mark Hardy and Evan Spear had a great game; Mark made one backfield tackle for a seven-yard loss and two solo tackles, while Evan plugged up the middle with three solo tackles.

Andrew White had an awesome day, containing the outside with four solo tackles; Nick Sliech shut down the middle of the field with four bone-breaking tackles; and Kyle LaBonte turned in two solo tackles, as did Patrick McKeever (which included a game-saving, punishing tackle that denied Westfield its conversion).

Solo tackles were also turned in by Colin Hensel, Jake Ferretti, and Brendan McNeish. Other outstanding defensive play was turned in by Scott Reardon, Stephen Teixeira, Joshua Blood, David Cook, Jerrett Johnson, Niko O'Mera, and David Proulx.

The coaches would like to thank the entire S.A.F.L. board, especially Mrs. Teixeira and Mrs. Scoville; "Balloons & More" for their spectacular pre-game balloon release; the parents for their active participation; *The Agawam Advertiser News* for its weekly reporting; and a very special "thank you" to Kirk Parker, for without his dedication and vision, this program would not exist.

The coaches (Mark Hensel, Nick Ferretti, William McNeish, and Mark Stevens) would like to send out a "thank you" to all 26 Warriors who were out there for every practice and game from the humid days of August to our last game. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication, and we hope to see all 26 next year!

## PEE WEE BLUE

At Bullens Field in Westfield, the Agawam pee wee blue Warriors defeated the Westfield red team, 16-14, in last Sunday's season finale. It was a really enjoyable game that featured a little bit of everything. The little Warriors fought through the adverse weather conditions to play their best game of the season.

Tailback Tim Jendrysik opened the scoring with a 38-yard run around right end. Tim received key blocks from wingback Jacob Barrows, fullback Greg Heinbokel, end Delanie Sapelli, tackle Mason Conlon, and guard Matt Munson. The attempt to rush for the PAT failed.

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AGAWAM PEE WEE CHEERLEADERS had a great year. In the photo above, the Agawam Warriors' pee wee green team are breaking through the banner made by the cheerleaders.



THE AGAWAM PEE WEE CHEERLEADERS (from left to right): Jennifer Hansel, Nicole Waterman, Alycia Atkinson, Becky Van Ossenbruggen, Brooke Andruss, Brianne Brinkmann, Sarah Gallagher, Caitlin Paulin, Alyssa Styckiewicz, Nicole Proulx (behind Alyssa), Emily Sotolotto, Meghan McGuire, Kerri Egan, and Kendra Albano. Coaches Cindy Egan and Carol Andruss deserve a big hand for a job well done this year.

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In the second quarter, Westfield scored to tie the game, 6-6, but Agawam's defense stopped the PAT. On their next possession, QB D.J. Sapelli directed the Agawam offense down to the Westfield two-yard line, but Agawam fumbled and turned the ball over. However, on the next play, defensive linemen Mason Conlon, Matt Munson, and Robert Johnson tackled the Westfield ball-carrier in the endzone for a safety. At the half, Agawam took the lead, 8-6.

In the third quarter, the little Warriors kicked their offense into high gear. After a couple of line plunges by fullback Frank Sacco, tailback Tim Jendrysik took off again on a 47-yard scamper to paydirt. Left end Joe Toto threw a beautiful block on the Westfield defensive end to open the outside lane. Tackle Jake Depalo and guard Justin Chartier also made solid blocks on the play. Center Garrett Gabel was able to cut off Westfield's middle linebacker. Right end Delanie Sapelli scored the all-important two-point PAT on a well-executed reverse around left end. It was a beautiful play, and the two points proved to be the margin of victory.

On defense, the entire little Warriors' unit played a great game. Ends Rob McGeoghan and Kyle Craig took away the outside game with help from two aggressive safeties, Brandon Munson and Kyle Keeley. Defensive linemen Jonathan Fondakowski, Nick Santinello, and Jarrett Fondakowski played tough, hard-nosed defense and would not allow Westfield to sustain a drive. Westfield did score on a "Hail Mary" pass late in the fourth quarter and got the PAT on a QB keeper, making the score 16-14, Agawam. The little Warriors' offense calmly ran out the clock to preserve the win.

Injury prevented end Bryan Birchenough from playing, but he was there cheering his teammates on. The team's loyal fans braved the harsh weather to cheer their little Warriors to victory. Coaches Rich Conlon, Brad Heinbokel, Mark Munson, and Kirk Parker were pleased with the team's progress this season and are looking forward to next season.

In weather conditions that more resembled Lambeau Field in Green Bay, WI, than Agawam, MA, the Agawam green pee wee team lost a heartbreaker to the Westfield pee wees, 12-6. After splitting their first two games against each other, the "rubber match" proved to be a battle up to the final play of the game.

Westfield was up, 6-0, at the half due to a turnover on Agawam's opening series.

Westfield added another score in the third quarter before Agawam's Jason "The Hitman" Houle ran 30 yards around the right side to bring Agawam within six points going into the final quarter. Agawam moved the ball well on several drives behind the blocking of FB "Moose" Olson, tackles "Mad Dog" McLane and Mike "The Italian Stallion" Saccomani, guards "Insane" Shane LaFond and Justin "Time" Rahn, and ends Joey "The Godfather" Gabinelli and Steve "Roll Up Dem Sleeves" Johnson. Tailback Paul "Bearer" Vecchiarelli also helped open the outside runs by Houle.

Defensively, after giving up the six points after the turnover on a short field, the Agawam defense made it tough going for the Westfield offense. The stingy Agawam defense was led by "Say It Ain't So Joe" Farwell and Mike "Sugar" Shackford at the guard spots (who rotated in and out in short-yardage situations with Eric "The Wild Thing" Alexopoulos and Justin "Time" Rahn), with Pat "Mad Dog" McLane and James "Tiger" Wood at the tackle positions. "Iron" Mike Tirozzi and Johnson kept things contained at the ends. The line was backed up by Matt "Big Cat" Reardon, Tyler "No Mo" Devoe, Cam "My Favorite" Martin, and (of course) Dylan "The Villain" Coulter.

Head coach Don "Night Train" Trella and his assistant coaches, Dennis "The Menace" Liptak and Mark "The Shark" Rahn, all agreed that this was a very special team who continually developed their skills and football savvy throughout the season. Coach Trella also expressed his thanks to a very supportive group of parents.

**Agawam Soccer****Association Standings**

U-10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Pelletier Red Rockets	9	0	1	28
Marsh Green Ball Hogs	6	3	2	23
Parent Orange Hurricanes	7	3	1	22
Gendon Blue Lightning	4	5	1	13
Tuohey Yellow Jackets	1	8	1	4
Scherpa Blue Flames	1	9	0	3

U-12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Wood Red Demons	10	0	2	32
Beroth Blue Angels	6	3	2	20
Prout Yellow Jackets	5	5	1	13
Brewster The Thunder	2	5	3	9
Pietroniro Warriors	0	8	2	2

U-17 (CO-ED)	W	L	T	P
Comee's Kamakazee	5	1	1	22
Howe Green Hornets	4	3	1	13
Adams Blue Thunder	2	3	2	8
Francis Red	2	7	0	6

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